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THE STABBING ON THE HIGH SEAS

'VERY SERIOUS TURN'

STATEMENT THAT SGT. KERR MIGHT DIE

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

That the case had taken a very serious turn, and Private James Boyle of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was liable to face a charge of murder, was the statement made before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, when the accused made another appearance in Court.

The present charge against Boyle is that of the attempted murder of Sergeant A. Kerr of the same regiment, and alternately, of unlawfully and maliciously causing him harm.

It may be remembered that, according to witnesses for the prosecution, Boyle was alleged to have stabbed Sergeant Kerr in the ribs on the night of October 19-20 last whilst they were travelling on H.M. Transport "Somersetshire," as members of a draft coming out to join the 2nd Battalion of the K.O.S.B., in Hong Kong.

Two men of the 1st Norfolk Regiment, on the troopship, bound for North China, and who were on duty as sentries on the main deck of the "Somersetshire" on the night in question, both stated in evidence that at about 1 a.m., on October 20, while the transport was on the high seas between the Red Sea and Colombo, they saw Boyle crawl past a mess table on the deck and then make a dart round the hatchway to where the Sergeant was sleeping on deck.

Then Boyle was heard to shout: "You ——, I have waited —— well, long enough."

When a witness went up to the scene, he saw Boyle was on the top of Sergeant Kerr, and when he was eventually pulled off by another witness, Sergeant Kerr was seen to have an "ugly gash" in his side. There was a lot of blood on the deck and a trail of blood led to the ship's hospital.

Missing Knife

It was also alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Mr. Fitzroy, that the knife used in the stabbing of Sergeant Kerr had been missed from one of the messes on the ship since 4 p.m., on October 19, so that it was not a case of the weapon being seized on the spur of the moment, but either Boyle or someone else had had possession of the knife for some hours before the affair.

Then Mr. Fitzroy opened his case for the Crown, he asked for leave to add the alternate and less serious charge of "causing harm," because, he explained, although Sergeant Kerr was in such a serious condition that he had to be landed and taken to hospital at Colombo, reassuring news had been received as to his condition. He was expected to make a complete recovery, and should be able to make the trip to Hong Kong at an early date. And, Mr. Fitzroy then added, Boyle might be able to get a certain admission from the sergeant (in the witness box) which would justify the prosecution in proceeding against the accused on the lesser charge.

A week's adjournment was given by Mr. Lindsell on the completion of available evidence, so as to await the arrival in the Colony of Sergeant Kerr.

Since then Boyle had made another appearance before the Magistrate, when Detective Inspector Lane reported that no further news had been received from Colombo either by the police or the Military authorities as to the wounded Sergeant.

Another week's remand was accordingly given.

"Might Die"

When Boyle again appeared before the Court this morning, Mr. Fitzroy applied for another week's formal remand. He told the Court that the case had taken a "very, very serious turn." According to a cable received from Colombo, Sergeant Kerr was very seriously ill and might die, in which event Boyle would have to face the murder charge.

The accused's position was a very serious one for him, Mr. Fitzroy commented, and he promised to let the Magistrate know as soon as he heard from Colombo again.

Mr. Lindsell gave a week's formal remand until 10 a.m., on December 7.

HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH

"UNCHANGED"

A QUIET DAY WITH SOME SLEEP

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

London, Yesterday.

A bulletin states that the King had a quiet day and some sleep, otherwise the conditions remain unchanged.

The Duke's Whereabouts

It is understood that the Duke of Gloucester has not yet received the message sent to him regarding his father's illness. No message, therefore, has been received in London from the Duke as regards his plans, and it is presumed here that he is en route to the agreed rendezvous with the Prince of Wales in Johannesburg.

There are doubts as to the Duke's ability to reach the coast in time to sail in H.M.S. "Enterprise"; and it is possible that it will be shorter for him to travel home via Capetown for when he last reported he was shooting on the Chambezi River and approaching Abercorn. It will take him four days' train journey from Salisbury to Capetown. Alternatively he might embark at Kitutu on Lake Tanganyika near Abercorn for Kigoma, thence by train for 772 miles to Dar-es-Salaam.

America's Sympathy

The American Ambassador (Mr. Houghton) in a speech at the Thanksgiving Day Dinner of the American Society in London, said they had reason to be thankful, as the illness of the King now seemed to be running a normal and favourable course.

He added: "We hope and pray devoutly for his complete and speedy recovery."

On The U.S.S. "Maryland"

New York, Yesterday.

Prayers for the recovery of King George were included in divine service aboard the United States battleship "Maryland" on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. H. Hoover, who is going to Guayaquil aboard the warship, attended the service. — Reuter's American Service.

A Lengthy Process

Whilst hopes for the King's recovery are becoming stronger, recognition is growing that the complete restoration of health must be a lengthy process, and it is reported that the question of what arrangements will be made to carry on the functions of the Crown in the event of His Majesty's illness being protracted are now being discussed.

On the King's Behalf

It is recalled that His Majesty, when he made a health cruise in the Mediterranean in 1925, nominated four Counsellors of State to act on his behalf till his return. The four nominated were Prince Henry (in the absence of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York), the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor and the Premier. Similar arrangements were made during the absence of Their Majesties on the Indian tour during 1911 and 1912.

Messages of Sympathy

Messages of sympathy have poured into Buckingham Palace from all parts of the world and from all classes in the community. Irish sympathy with the King was conveyed yesterday in the following message received from Mr. Cosgrave, President of the Irish Free State Executive Council: "My colleagues and I are very sorry to learn of your Majesty's illness, and earnestly pray that God may speedily restore you to complete health."

The General Council of the Trade Union Congress, which met in London, passed a resolution expressing the sincere wishes of the Council for the King's speedy and complete recovery.

The Morning Bulletin

It is understood that there was no change in His Majesty's condition at 6 o'clock this morning.

The morning bulletin, issued at 10.15, states that the King passed a quiet, but rather sleepless night. The infective process is being held in check.—Reuter.

In Dar-Es-Salaam

An official notice issued at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, states that nothing has been decided about the departure of the Prince of Wales, who is staying at Government House. His Royal Highness expects, however, to travel in the cruiser "Enterprise," which is due to arrive at Dar-es-Salaam from Aden on Sunday.

The Prince to-day drove out shopping in the town of Dar-es-Salaam. He was followed from shop to shop by enthusiastic crowds of natives and Indians.—British Wireless Service.

Optimistic Feeling

London, Yesterday (8 p.m.).

A British Official Wireless message states:—

Not since the illness of the King began to develop have those immediately around him at Buckingham Palace been so optimistic as they were to-day after the physicians has made their customary morning examination of the patient.

Importance is attached to the statement in the morning bulletin that the "infective process" is being held in check.

This is considered to be highly satisfactory, coupled with the fact that the King passed a quiet, if rather, sleepless night.

In regard to the lack of sleep during the night it is pointed out that His Majesty has during the last few days obtained restful sleep in the daytime and this must be regarded as extremely helpful to the normal process of recovery.

THE WINDFALL TO THE TREASURY

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FRESH STATEMENT REGARDING "ELSIE MACKAY FUND"

THE TRUSTEES

London, Yesterday.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Winston Churchill) announces, that the £500,000 presented to the Treasury by Lord Inchcape, minus death duties, has been placed in the hands of trustees. The Trust will be known as the "Elsie Mackay Fund."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor of the Bank of England, and the Comptroller General at the National Debt office are the Managing Trustees while the Treasury Solicitor will act as Custodian Trustee.—Reuter.

SAD TRAGEDY

LITTLE GIRL BURNT TO DEATH

JOSS CANDLE FATALITY

An 8-year-old Chinese girl was burned to death when a fire broke out yesterday in a fishing boat off Cheungchau Island.

The little girl and her 11-year-old brother were the only persons on board at the time of the outbreak, and the boy, who was able to swim, saved his life by jumping into the water.

The boat (No. 37460) was anchored off the southern part of Cheungchau at the time of the outbreak, which was believed to have been caused by a "joss" candle setting the straw awning alight.

The girl was believed to have been sleeping when the fire occurred, as her charred remains were found in the cabin.

The whole of the awning and the cabin was destroyed before the flames were finally extinguished.

At the time of the outbreak, the unfortunate girl's mother had gone ashore to buy food for the evening meal, while the men were also away repairing nets preparatory to putting out to the fishing ground.

QUEEN OF SPAIN

CONCLUDES HER VISIT TO ENGLAND

LEAVES FOR MADRID

London, Yesterday.

The Queen of Spain and her two daughters to-day concluded their visit to Princess Beatrice and left London for Madrid via Paris.

The Duke and Duchess of York, Princess Mary and Princess Beatrice were at Victoria Station to see them off.—British Wireless Service.

FRONTIER TROUBLE

AFGHAN ROAD IS REOPENED

Peshawar, Yesterday.

Dakka Jellalabad-road has been reopened but the Afghan officials do not guarantee safety for caravans.

The Mullah of Chaknaur is negotiating on behalf of the Shinwaris, who are demanding the suspension of "westernising" reforms which were mainly responsible for the recent outbreak.—Reuter.

BRITISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A BIG BILL

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE NEW MEASURE

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons has approved, by 280 votes to 132, a financial resolution in connection with the Local Government Bill.

The additional cost to the Exchequer in the first year of the above will be £16,000,000. The grants hitherto made amount to £31,000,000.—Reuter.

[The following telegram, dated London, Nov. 26, gives particulars of the bill:—

The Local Government Bill, which is a very complicated measure of over 100 clauses and has already provoked much controversy, and has even been attacked in Conservative papers because, inter alia it is alleged it will relieve *big industrialists* at the expense of smaller ratepayers, was submitted to the Commons to-day by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who described the measure as the most important of the session and among the greatest measures presented to any Parliament.

He said that it was the final stage of the Government's great measure of rating reform, the system of local Government which in many respects was obsolete, crying aloud for reform.

He instanced the continuance of wasteful Board of Guardians, the onerous charges of rural districts for the maintenance of roads. The inequitable rating system was slowly strangling agriculture and industry, and the bill would relieve industry to the extent of £24,000,000, three-fourths which would go to the most depressed industries giving a great amount of employment. It was the only practical remedy for the present chaotic methods of relief.

The Labour member, Mr. Greenwood, moved the bill's rejection on the ground of its numerous shortcomings.]

TEST OPENS

Sutcliffe Dismissed For 38 Runs

Brisbane, To-day.

Weather fine and warm welcomed the opening of the first Test Match here.

Teams turned out as follow:—

England:—

A. P. F. Chapman, captain,
J. C. White,
D. R. Jardine,
J. B. Hobbs,
H. Sutcliffe,
E. Hendren,
W. R. Hammond,
M. W. Tate,
C. P. Mead,
H. Larwood,
G. Duckworth.

Leyland was called on as twelfth man. Geary, who sustained an injury recently, Ames, the wicket-keeper who is also a good bat, Tyldesley and Freeman were dropped.

The Australian team was:—

J. S. Ryder (Victoria) captain,
W. M. Woodfull (Victoria),
W. H. Ponsford (Victoria),
C. V. Grimmett (South Australia),
A. F. Kippax (New South Wales),
J. M. Gregory (New South Wales),
H. L. Hendry (Victoria),
H. Ironmonger (Victoria),
C. Kelleway (New South Wales),
W. A. Oldfield (New South Wales),
R. M. Oxenham (Queensland) was twelfth man.
D. Bradman (New South Wales),

Chapman won the toss and elected to bat, sending in Hobbs and Sutcliffe.

Ryder put on Gregory and Kellaway, the crack bowlers of New South Wales.

When the first cable came through, the score stood:—

Hobbs 12
Sutcliffe 9
Total (for no wicket) 21

Lunch Interval

The attendance was 20,000.

Sutcliffe was caught by Ponsford off Gregory's bowling. He made 38 runs. Hobbs's score was then 43 not out.

The score at the lunch interval was 85 runs for 1 wicket.

—Reuter.

ORDER TO FIX FOOD PRICES

TYPHOON DISTRESS

INTER-ISLAND SHIP WRECKED: SEVEN DROWNED

140 LIVES LOST TO FAR

Manila, Yesterday.

Mr. Stimson, the Governor-General of the Philippines, has authorised the governors of the provinces affected by the typhoon to fix food prices and commandeer private supplies.

The inter-island steamer "Euzkadi" has foundered, seven being drowned.

Hitherto there have been at least 140 fatalities as the result of the typhoon.

The "Isodoropons" is standing by the British cargo steamer "Ramsay" which went aground. The latter may possibly be refloated.—Reuter.

COURT CONGESTION

PUISNE JUDGE'S DIARY FULL UP

CHIEF JUSTICE TO HELP?

There is a possibility that the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., on his return from Shanghai next month, will sit in the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

Should this prove to be so, it will be a rare event in local judicial history except, of course, when (as in the past) the Puisne Judge goes away during the Summer Vacation of four weeks.

When the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) took his seat in the Second Court this morning, he announced that a number of summary jurisdiction (civil) cases fixed for hearing next week had to be adjourned because he will be otherwise engaged, that is, on the Carvalho Yeo trial.

Waiting Till January?

His Lordship said that dates in January will be given instead, because his diary for December was full.

However, his Lordship hopes to make an arrangement with the Chief Justice, on the latter's return after hearing an appeal case in H.B.M.'s Supreme Court in China, Shanghai, for expediting hearing.

The congestion in the Summary Court, brought about by there being more litigation than usual and the occupation of Mr. Justice Jacks in the Criminal Sessions, is such that the earliest date given this morning was Jan. 7, 1929, for hearing.

MR. J. R. CAPELL

EX-HEAD OF HONG KONG DISPENSARY

DEATH IN KOWLOON

The "China Mail" records with regret the death this morning of Mr. James Ralph Capell, who lived many years in the Colony.

Mr. Capell came out in 1888. He was with Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., and was a chemist, having been in charge of the Hong Kong Dispensary (in Messrs. Watson's) for many years.

He went Home in 1926 and retired on pension last year. He is 64 years of age.

The death occurred about ten o'clock this morning at his house, in Torres-building, Kowloon, Mr. Capell passing peacefully away after an illness of ten days.

Deceased was one of the original members of the old Phoenix Club.

The family is very well known in Kowloon and highly respected. Deep sympathy will be felt for the widow, the three daughters and the son.

The funeral will be held to-day, passing the monument at 5.15 p.m.

FAR EAST FLIGHT

The first lap of 590 miles on the return journey to Singapore via Bangkok, that is, from Hong Kong to Tourane, was successfully accomplished by the British Far East Flight yesterday, states an official message, the four flying boats under Group Captain Cave-Brown-Cave, R.A.F., arriving at Tourane safely.

"EDINBURGH CASTLE" IN HONG KONG

SCOTS' "NICHT"

CITY HALL TRANSFORMED INTO A BIT OF SCOTLAND

TO-NIGHT'S BALL

The City Hall, where the St. Andrew's Ball is being held to-night, has, with great ingenuity, been transformed into a picturesque little bit of Scotland, which in many respects surpasses many of the St. Andrew's decorations of former years.

Outside the front facade of the Hall has been erected an imposing miniature of Edinburgh Castle with its rampart and turrets complete. Above the portal is the shield of the Mackie clan, to which belongs this year's President and Chieftain, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie.

As in former years, the decoration is the result of the indefatigable labour of Mr. "Geordie" Duncan, willingly assisted by many, and all of whom have been busy for several days attending to the arrangements.

Entering the portals of the Castle, there is the Ladies' Cloakroom on the right and that for the Gentlemen on the left. Beyond this is the entrance hallway which is profusely decorated with greenery in the shape of laurel boughs overhead and pot palms strewn about on the floor. The whole will be lighted up at night with numerous cunningly arranged electric lights peeping out of the greenery.

To the right of the hallway, in the library, is the "Auchtermuchty" where will flow the "barley bree," etc. Off the bar is a cosy cardroom, and on the left of the hallway is a gangway leading into the Theatre Royal, which has been transformed into a supper hall.

The Broad Stairway

The broad stairway leading up to the upper floor is flanked with more greenery and pot palms in between which stand stems of thistles which will be illuminated by electricity. On the first landing is a huge mirror framed in gold and draped with the yellow and red flag of the "Rampant Lion of Scotland." The shields of the Mackenzie and the MacNeil clans hang on either side of the mirror, whilst on the two flanks the dates in white figures on blue grounds "1881" and "1928," which indicate the length of time St. Andrews Society has been in existence in Hong Kong. The rest of the wall on the sides of the stairs are hung with the shields of other Scottish Clans.

Illuminated Thistles

Illuminated thistles are again much in evidence on the top landing, which is also strewn with pot palms and hung with clan shields. The same scheme of decoration is obtained in both the St. Andrew's and St. George's Halls where the dancing will take place. Here the Clan shields are draped in blue and white, the colours of St. Andrew, and laurels. In one of these Halls the shield of the local St. Andrew's Society has a prominent position on the main wall.

The band stand is erected through a door connecting the two halls and from here music for the dancing will be supplied by the band of the Hong Kong Hotel, whilst Pipers of the 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers will provide the music for the reels. Adjoining the dance halls is a cosy lounge, in which are arranged comfortable settees. The verandahs off the dance halls have been closed in and arranged as cosy sitting-out places.

In the larger dance hall on either side of a dais are hung the Chieftain's shield (Mackie) and the Guthrie shield of Mrs. Mackie's clan.

The Supper Hall

The Theatre Royal has again been transformed into a spacious supper hall. On the stage is the table of the official party, erected in horse shoe shape with an extra "leg" running down the centre. This is flanked by tall tree sceneries and a generous supply of pot palms tastefully arranged in twos and threes, whilst the background is a fine representation of Gannoche Bridge at Edzell, the scene of the Chieftain's early associations. On the table stand several illuminated thistle stems.

The whole of the body of the theatre is strewn with small square tables, whilst diners will also be accommodated in the dress circle The four boxes, even, are being utilised for this purpose with tables for three diners each.

Draped With Tartan

The boxes and the front of the dress circle are draped with tartan, over which, facing the centre table on the stage are hung the Mackie and Guthrie shields, flanked by those of two other Clans. The rest of the circle wall at the back and the walls of the lower portion of the theatre are tastefully decorated in pretty blue and white designs in soft material.

It is noteworthy that all the Clan shields used in this year's decoration are new in the making of which Mr. Duncan had taken particular care as to the correctness of the quarterings, designs and colourings.

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STEAMER'S URGENT SOS

GRAIN VESSEL

EN ROUTE FROM CANADA TO SHANGHAI

RUSHING TO THE RESCUE

Vancouver, Yesterday.

The grain steamer "Chief of Maquilla" with a crew of 40, en route to Shanghai from Kildonan, British Columbia, has wirelessed an urgent SOS.

She is about 1,500 miles out.

The "Arabia Maru" has wirelessed that she is racing to the rescue.

Four Ships To Assist

Seattle, Yesterday.

Four ships, including the sister ship "Chief of Chiano," are rushing to assist the "Chief of Maquilla" whose crew are Chinese with white officers, and commanded by an Englishman, Captain Scott.

It is believed the cargo may have shifted, causing a dangerous list.

Her position is estimated to be a little south of the Aleutian Islands.—Reuter.

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Calcutta	Rangoon
Canton	Rio de Janeiro
Changchun	Saigon
Dairen (Dalny)	San Francisco
Fengtien (Mukden)	Seattle
Hamburg	Semarang
Hankow	Shanghai
Harbin	Shimonoseki
Hong Kong	Singapore
Honolulu	Soerabaya
Kai Yuen	Sydney
Karachi	Tientsin
Kobe	Tokyo
London	Tsinanfu
Los Angeles	Tsingtau
Lyons	Vladivostok
Manila	(Temporarily closed)
Nagasaki	
Nagoya	

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September, 1928.

中法工商銀行

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE pour le Commerce et l'Industrie (Incorporated in France).

Prince's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong.

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital fully paid up ..Frs.50,000,000
Special working capital .Frs.50,000,000
Reserves Frs.22,319.000

BRANCHES:

Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Tourane, Quinhon, Hue, Thanh-hoa, Vinh, Pnom Penh. Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Hong Kong.

BANKERS:

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LONDON:—Midland Bank, Ltd.
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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business Transacted. Correspondents throughout the world.

L. BERNIS,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd August, 1928.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

Agencies and Branches:

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AMRITSAR	MADRAS
BANGKOK	MANILA
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BOMBAY	NEW YORK
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CANTON	PENANG
CAWNPORE	PESHAWAR
CEBU	RANGOON
COLOMBO	SAIGON
DELHI	SEMARANG
HAIPHONG	SEREMBAN
HAMBURG	SHANGHAI
HANKOW	SINGAPORE
HARBIN (N. Manchuria)	SOURABAYA
HONG KONG	TAIPING (F.M.S.)
ILOILO	TAVOY
IPOH	TIENTSIN
KARACHI	TOKYO
KLANG	TONGKAH (Bhuket)
KOBE	TSINGTAO
KUALA KANGSAR Perak (F.M.S.)	YOKOHAMA
KUALA LUMPUR	ZAMBOANGA (Philippine Islands)

Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd April, 1928.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD. (TAIWAN GINKO).

HEAD OFFICE:—Taipeh, Formosa.

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Central Bank in Formosa.
Bank-Notes issued
Average amount .. Yen 45,000,000

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FORMOSA:—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makong, Nanto, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao, Tamsui, Toen, Heito, Taito.
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application. Deposits in Yen can be accepted.

J. IHARA,
Manager.

HONG KONG BRANCH:
3, Des Voeux Road Central.
Hong Kong, 22nd September, 1927.

THE BANK OF CHINA. 中國銀行

(Specially Authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917).

Authorised Capital $60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 18,278,600.00
Reserve Fund 9,629,425.24

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

HONG KONG BRANCH:
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Branches and Sub-branches all over China and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.

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The Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

New York Bankers:—The Irving National Bank.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities. Special facilities for Home Exchange.

SHOU J. CHEN,
Manager.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Established 1912.
Head Office:—Hong Kong.

Authorised Capital (H.K. Currency) ...$12,000,000
Paid Up Capital 6,000,000
Reserve Fund 600,000

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Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Swatow, Bangkok, New York and San Francisco.
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LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 19th February, 1927.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

INSURANCE SHARES

THEIR REAL VALUE EXPLAINED

HOW IT MAY BE FOUND

Insurance shares used to be chiefly held in the hands of a few people who were either considerably interested in insurance business themselves or who knew a good deal about it. In the last year or two, however, the market has broadened considerably, and a large portion of the public who know little about insurance or insurance business have become shareholders in one company or another. Sometimes, however, even those best versed in insurance matters are at a loss for some system or means of estimating as accurately as possible the real value of an insurance company's share.

For many years now, (says the writer), I have adopted and extended a system which I have found to work very satisfactorily. It is not based upon the dividend paid by the company, or the yield, or the profits of any one year. The method is briefly as follows:—

First ascertain the percentage of profit on the company's fire account by taking an average of the last five years. If during these five years the tendency has been to decrease slightly it is advisable to deduct 1 per cent. or 2 per cent. from the average percentage of profit. It is necessary also to make some allowance for the occasional conflagrations which strike a fire account. This allowance is a very difficult sum to fix. The figure I have adopted is 2½ per cent. The first step then takes place, namely, the estimating of the normal annual fire profit of the company, and this is done by applying the percentage arrived at above to the last year's premium income. The same system can then be adopted with regard to the company's accident and marine accounts, but in these cases without any deduction for conflagrations. Next one has to deal with the life account, and here it is necessary to ascertain the percentage of profit made on the premiums during the last quinquennium. This is generally about 30 per cent. If 10 per cent. of these profits go to the shareholders one can reckon that they are getting 3 per cent. on the premiums, and the estimated future shareholders' portion of the life profits is therefore taken as 3 per cent. on the last year's premiums, or, if they are steadily increasing, on the next year's estimated premiums. There are also occasional profits on other small lines of business, which can fairly easily be estimated.

Interest Earnings

When the total underwriting profits have been estimated as above, a deduction of 20 per cent. is made for income tax, and then an estimate is made of the interest to be earned during the ensuing year. To do this one takes the interest earnings of the previous year less interest paid on Debentures or Preference stock, if any, and make an allowance for interest on increased or decreased funds, excluding, of course, any alteration in the life funds, as interest on these funds does not go to the shareholders. If, for example, the funds of a company have increased by £500,000 one may reckon that its interest earnings the following year should be increased by about £20,000 or say, 4 per cent. on the increase. One has now arrived at the estimated total future earnings of the company less tax.

The next thing is to find out what dividend these earnings would pay. One can then work out at what price the shares should stand to give a 6 per cent. yield with that dividend. This is, of course, assuming that the yield on insurance company's shares, if they paid the whole of their profits in dividend, and did not increase or decrease the dividends, should be 6 per cent. It is open to question, however, whether this figure should not be 6½ per cent., as insurance companies generally have some uncalled capital, but a special allowance can be made for this latter factor by taking, say, 10 per cent. of the uncalled capital from the estimated value of the shares. We have now to make some allowance for the fact that an insurance company's business is constantly increasing. This can be done by working out the average increase in premium income in the various departments, adding the normal percentage of underwriting profit to this increase to find the normal increase in profits and capitalising this sum, adding the capitalised amount to the value of the value of the shares as estimated above. Let us take a simple example and work out the case of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co. It is as follows:—

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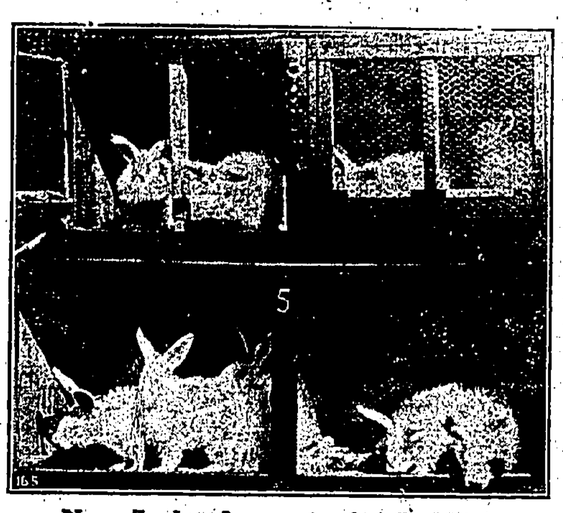

New Zealand goes in for Rabbits

One hundred of these chinchilla rabbits made a twelve thousand mile journey under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific Express Company from Lincolnshire, England, to Auckland, New Zealand, where they will form the nucleus of a rabbit farm. The express messengers disbursed one ton of feed to them during the voyage.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

		Nov. 23, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin ..... 牛腰脊	lb.	35	24	12
„ Prime Cut	„	28	23	12
„ Corned ..... 咸牛肉	„	24	23	12
„ Roast ..... 燒牛肉	„	28	24	22
„ Breast ..... 牛腩	„	26	20	18
„ Soup ..... 湯肉	„	24	20	18
„ Steak ..... 牛排	„	33	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin ... 牛腰脊	„	40	30	25
„ Sausages ..... 牛腸	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains ..... 牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh.. 牛脷	each	65	50	60
„ Tongue, corned 咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head ..... 牛頭	„	$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart ..... 牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt .. 牛	„	24	20	18
„ Feet ..... 牛腳	each	10	10	12
„ Kidneys ..... 牛腰	„	15	10	12
„ Tail ..... 牛尾	„	28	20	22
„ Liver ..... 牛肝	lb.	24	19	14
„ Tripe ..... 牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet.. 牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop ..... 羊排骨	lb.	46	26	—
„ Leg ..... 羊	„	46	26	—
„ Shoulder ..... 羊	„	44	24	—
„ Saddle	„	46	—	—
Pig's Chitlings ..... 豬肉腸	„	30	—	27
„ Brains ..... 豬腦	Per set	3	—	12
„ Feet ..... 豬腳什	lb.	15	15	—
„ Fry ..... 豬	„	28	15	18
„ Head ..... 豬頭	„	18	20	—
„ Heart ..... 豬心	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys ..... 豬腰	„	15	10	8
„ Liver ..... 豬肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork Chop ..... 豬排骨	„	36	25	23
„ Leg ..... 豬	„	36	—	—
„ Loin ..... 豬腰脊	„	42	60	70
„ Fat or Lard..... 豬油	„	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet.. 羊頭腳	per set.	90	60	70
„ Heart ..... 羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys ..... 羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver ..... 羊肝	„	46	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order. 乳豬	lb.	1e	25	21
Suet, Beef ..... 牛羊脂油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton ..... 羊	„	46	26	26
Veal ..... 牛仔肉	„	30	20	20
„ Sausages ..... 牛仔腸	„	32	—	—
„ „ No. 1..	„	38	—	—

Fish.

			Nov. 23, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Barbel ..... 鯇魚		lb.	34	16	24
Bream ..... 鯛魚		„	35	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	塘魚 / 溪魚	„	32	13	16
Carp ..... 鯉魚		„	38	16	27
Catfish ..... 鮠魚		„	26	12	9
Codfish ..... 鱈魚		„	42	16	27
Crabs ..... 蟹		„	36	23	26
Cuttle Fish ..... 墨魚		„	28	16	2
Dab		„	25	23	16
Dace ..... 青鱎	尾肚	„	28	20	—
Dog Fish ..... 海狗魚		„	16	10	8
Eels, Congev ..... 海鰻		„	36	16	—
„ Fresh Water ... 淡水鰻鱺		„	28	10	18
„ Yellow ..... 黃鱔		„	38	26	30
Frogs ..... 田石鼈		„	65	32	25
Garoupa ..... 白甲花		„	78	40	30
Gudgeon		„	25	22	18
Herrings		„	28	18	23
Halibut		„	23	18	15
Labrus		„	26	22	18
Louch		„	74	22	24
Lobsters		„	64	32	21
Mackerel		„	25	20	26
Monk Fish		„	23	13	2
Mullet		„	32	13	2
Oysters		„	43	16	22
Parrot Fish		„	23	14	9
Perch		„	33	20	15
Pike		„	18	16	9
Plaice		„	35	26	29
Pomfret, Black		„	30	36	30
Pomfret, White		„	33	36	45
Prawns		„	45	10	14
Ray		„	23	10	14
Rock Fish		„	28	13	18
Roach		„	32	22	10
Salmon		„	72	36	30
Shark		„	18	8	10
Skate		„	18	10	10
Shrimps		„	58	32	30
Snapper		„	72	26	35
Soles		„	35	28	28
Tench		„	18	22	18
Turbot		„	36	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water		„	1.60	40	—

Poultry.

		Nov. 23, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken ..... 雞	lb.	50	30	31
Capons, Small ..... 閹雞	„	45	28	30
Capons, Large ..... 肥閹雞	„	50	28	30
Duck ..... 鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves ..... 鴿	each	20	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking).. 雞蛋	per doz.	28	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh) ... 新鮮雞蛋	„	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton ..... 本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan ..... 海南雞	„	40	36	24
Geese ..... 鵝	„	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton ..... 白鴿	each	55	30	—
„ Hoihow ..... 海口鴿	„	30	28	—
Turkeys, Cock ..... 火鷄公	lb.	65	—	—
Turkeys, Hen ..... 火鷄母	„	60	51	45
Snipe ..... 沙鷁	each	—	—	—
Pheasant ..... 山雞	pair	2.20	—	—
Quail ..... 鵪鶉	each	25	—	2
Partridges ..... 鷓鴣	„	85	—	—

Fruits.

		Nov. 23, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Almonds ..... 合仁	lb.	70	35	—
Apples (California) .. 金山蘋果	„	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's) .... 蕉山香蕉	„	5	4	—
Carambola ..... 楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts ..... 椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China ..... 檸檬	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (America) .... 金山檸檬	each	3	3	—
Lichees, Dried ..... 荔枝干	lb.	—	25	30
Oranges (Canton) ... 新會甜橙	„	12	—	—
Oranges ..... 橙	„	14	—	15
Pears (Canton) ..... 沙梨	„	—	—	—
Peanuts ..... 花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large ... 紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain ..... 大蕉	„	4	3	—
Pumelo, Siam ..... 暹羅柚	each	14	12	6
Walnuts ..... 連合番核桃	lb.	22	—	16
Grapes ..... 番提子	„	45	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

		Nov. 23, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Artichokes ..... 朝鮮薊之竹	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout ..... 芽菜	lb.	4	—	7
„ Long ..... 豆角	„	—	8	—
Beet Root ..... 紅菜頭	„	—	—	—
Bitter Squash ..... 苦瓜	„	6	24	—
Brinjals, Green ..... 青茄	„	6	5	9
„ Red ..... 紅茄	„	6	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese .... 芥菜	„	8	—	—
„ (Shanghai) . 滬菜	„	10	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch ... 蔗	„	10	—	—
Cauliflower (Large) .. 大椰菜花	each	28	—	—
„ (Medium). 中椰菜花	„	24	—	—
„ (Small) .. 細椰菜花	„	20	6	6
Carrots ..... 金笋	lb.	7	6	6
Celery, Chinese ..... 芹菜	„	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried ..... 乾辣椒	„	20	25	5
„ Red ..... 紅辣椒	„	18	10	16
„ Green ..... 青花椒	„	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English .. 菜用材料	„	8	8	—
Cucumbers ..... 青瓜	„	6	2	—
Garlic ..... 蒜	„	10	6	6
Ginger, Young ..... 薑	„	12	7	—
„ Old ..... 老薑	„	10	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai.	„	35	8	4
Indian Corn ..... 粟蜀米	„	—	45	—
Lettuce ..... 萵苣生菜	„	9	1	—
Water Chestnuts ..... 馬蹄	„	5	—	8
„ Mandarin. 桂林馬蹄	„	10	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh .... 鮮草菇	„	12	—	8
Okroes	„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay ..... 葱番頭	„	10	8	8
„ Green ..... 生葱	„	8	4	6
„ Shanghai ..... 上海葱頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley ..... 芹菜	„	5	60	8
Potato, Sweet ..... 番薯	„	40	8	—
„ Japanese ..... 日本薯仔	„	5	8	—
„ American .... 金山薯仔	„	4	3	—
Pumpkin ..... 金瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish ..... 蘿蔔	„	4	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh) .... 大黃	„	5	—	10
Shallots ..... 大葱	„	—	—	8
Spinach ..... 菠菜	„	10	8	—
Tomatoes ..... 番茄	„	8	4	—
Taros ..... 芋頭	„	12	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long). 蘿蔔	„	5	6	—
Vegetable Marrow .... 節瓜	„	6	4	—
Water Cress ..... 西洋菜	„	6	15	—
Water Lily Root ...	„	7	6	—
	„	4	4	—

C.P.R. President Visits Wheat Champion.

Herman Trelle is one of the men of foreign birth who is doing things for Canada. Born in Germany, he is now the owner of a fine farm in the Peace River country near the town of Spirit River. At the Chicago Live Stock Exhibition of 1926 he won the prize for the world's best wheat, and he is working on the development of a new early-ripening wheat which, he says, will revolutionize farming throughout northern Canada. When E. W. Beatty, and his party of Canadian Pacific directors were in the Peace River country recently they visited Mr. Trelle's farm where the important work of threshing was interrupted long enough to have the above photograph taken. Mr. and Mrs. Trelle are in the center, on the right is Mr. Beatty, and on the left is Sir Herbert Holt.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

Nov. 30 to Dec. 6, 1928.

Date Nov.	High Water Standard Times	Ht.	Lower Water. Standar Times	Ht
Fri. 30	0 52a	4.7	m 5 43	0.6
	10 45a	5.5	4 7 a	4.0
Sat. 1	1 38a	4.6	m 6 35	0.8
	11 38a	5.1	4 40 a	4.2
Sun. 2	2 31a	4.5	m 7 27	1.2
			5 16 a	4.5
Mon. 3	m 0 33	7.5	m 8 41	1.6
	No Interior High		nor Low	wter
Tues. 4	m 1 20	6.8	m 9 48	1.9
	5 58a	5.1	5 30 a	5.0
Wed. 5	m 2 34	5.2	m 10 41	2.2
	6 17a	5.4	10 55 a	4.7
Thurs. 6	m 4 58	5.6	m 11 31	2.5
	6 39a	5.5		

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About	$
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2137.	At junction of Nathan Road and Bute Street.	As per sale plan.				7,130	82 (1,640)

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About	$ $
	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2153.	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.	As per sale plan.				180,240	1,934 91,600

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	$ $
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MATINEE—Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 4.30 p.m.

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The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1 for all persons including Ladies.

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Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at $5 each, up to Friday, 30th November, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2.

Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

N.B.—Attention is drawn to a change in routine at above meeting. Horses entered for races will not bear distinctive numbers in the Race Book as heretofore, but starters as they are weighed out will be numbered consecutively, and such numbers exhibited on the Board. All horses starting in a race will display a saddle cloth bearing a number corresponding to the horse's Board number and such number will also apply to Pari Mutuel and Cash Sweep tickets.

Hong Kong, 26th Nov., 1928.

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SATURDAY, 1st December at 9.15 p.m. at THE THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS.
10 Round Lightweight Contest.
L.S. HALL v. A.B. CASTLE
H.M.S. "Titania" H.M.S. "Cumberland
10 Round Welterweight Contest.
Marine FRASER v. A.B. SAUNDERS
H.M.S. "Tamar" H.M.S. "Seraph"
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E. A. LEGGATT,
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Hong Kong, 29th Nov., 1928.

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Asiatic Motors Incorporation, from Amoy.
Nusery, from Tokyo.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 29th Nov., 1928.

INSURANCE SHARES

(Continued from Page 2.)

How the Account Works Out

Average underwriting profit in the fire department in the last five years, 9¾ per cent. Deduct 2½ per cent. for conflagrations leaves 7¼ per cent. Estimated fire premium income for 1928 (the same as 1927) £4,300,000 at 7¼ per cent. equals	£310,000
Estimated accident premiums (Railway Passengers Co.) £1,150,000 at 1 per cent. below the average of the last five years, namely, 10 per cent., equals	115,000
(In this case I have estimated the increase in premiums at £40,000, as this has been the recent average, and I have also taken 1 per cent. less than the last five years' underwriting profit, as it has shown a tendency to drop slightly.)	
We can now estimate the Fine Art Co.'s premiums as £400,000 at 14 per cent., namely, a profit of	55,000
(In the case of the Fine Art, I have allowed for a normal increase in premium income and taken a percentage of profit at 1 per cent. below the average of the last five years.)	
The estimated future marine profit, say, 7½ per cent. on premiums of £400,000 equals	30,000
Total gross underwriting profit	£510,000
Pensions fund	50,000
	£460,000
Income tax	92,000
	£368,000
Life profit 3 per cent. on premiums (excluding single premiums) of £1,900,000 equals	57,000
Estimated normal net underwriting profit	£425,000
Interest for 1927 less preference interest was ... £418,726	
Add for increase in funds of £654,000 at 4 per cent.	26,000
Net estimated interest for 1928	445,000
The total net profits therefore estimated for 1928 are	£870,000
£870,000 would pay a dividend of 39s., and 39s. would give a return of 6 per cent. on a value of approximately £33.	
By studying the recent increases in premium income one may estimate that the fire premiums will increase by about £40,000 per annum, which, at 7¼ per cent., underwriting profit makes, say	£3,000
Accident premiums should increase each year by £50,000 at 3 per cent., underwriting profit equals	1,500
(No allowance need be made for increase in the marine department.)	
Life premiums should increase every year by about £75,000 at 3 per cent., equals	2,250
The above increases in premium should increase reserves by about £100,000 and bring in increased interest earnings of, say ..	2,800
The annual increase in profits should therefore be about .	£9,550

This sum is equal to a dividend of five per cent., which, capitalised at six per cent., gives an annual increase in value of 7s., which latter sum is equal to six per cent. on £6. We therefore get a value for North British and Mercantiles of £33, apart from annual increase in business, but £39 allowing for such increases.

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ANCHOR WITHOUT A BUOY

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"In 1563 and earlier cases of this sort were quite common," said Mr. Justice Bateson in the Admiralty Court, in the case of a vessel which had laid out her anchor at such a scope, without a buoy, that a vessel coming up the channel holed herself without warning on the fluke, filled and became submerged by the rising tide. The modern instance of this antiquated trouble of the court was the case of the "Louisa." She was sitting on the mud, high and dry, beside that curious river the Medina in the Isle of Wright, when the motor vessel "Harkaway," a hundred yards away, sheered, and with no suspicion, found her anchor in this pleasant fashion.

The owners of the "Harkaway" brought their action against the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Ltd., owners of the "Louisa," and the action was on the evening of April 1, 1927.

The Harkaway" was going up to the east of midstream and was approaching the cement works on the west bank when the "Louisa" was seen lying on the east bank. She was described as heading down and half athwart moored with an anchor chain leading from forward about right ahead. She had an anchor light. Among the suggestions made against the "Louisa" was that she neglected a duty to bury the upper fluke so that it would not cause damage to navigating vessels.

The "Louisa's" reply was that she anchored to wait her turn to go to the cement wharves and anchored at high water with ten fathoms, but the wind coming on to blow from the north five fathoms more were paid out. She blamed the "Harkaway" for excessive speed at a point where the channel was shallow, and said she was navigating at a time when there was not enough water for her to do so in safety.

Anchor in Best Water

Mr. Justice Bateson, giving judgment, said the "Harkaway" would not expect to find the anchor in her best water. The title was what was called lay tide, which meant that the water was swelling in the river. The "Louisa" was drawing 5ft. 3in. aft and 4ft. 3in. forward, and had about a foot of water under her as she was going up. She passed a similar motorboat, and her master was taking her up in the best water he knew. There was not enough water for him to go much beyond the cement work. His lordship went on: He saw the "Louisa" on the mud on his port bow. The river Medina at this place is at low water a mere gutway of about 30ft. wide, and when the tide rises to high water there is a considerable amount of water, extending to some 200ft. on one side of the middle line of the river and this gutway and 100ft. on the other side.

The master of the "Harkaway" was going up, using that lay tide for his boat in what was the best of the water, when suddenly he found his vessel bumping over what turned out to be the anchor of the "Louisa." He had no warning of any sort of it, except that there was a chain hanging out of the bow of the "Louisa" on the mud, and presumably going out some distance. It might be 10 or 15 fathom. It might be more; it might be less; vessels have different lengths. It might have been in one direction, following the hawsepipe along the mud, and it might be in a different direction under the water, and unless there was some indication, the master would not know where the anchor was. At any rate he would not expect to find it in best water he has to navigate in. In truth and in fact this anchor was sticking up out of the bed of the river, forming an obstruction in the river, either on the edge of the gutway or just within it. In my opinion it was in the one position that an anchor ought not to be in, having regard to the position of the "Louisa"; certainly it was in a position in which the master of the "Harkaway" would not expect it to be. Having, as I say, bumped over it, and his vessel having sustained considerable damage, he found, when the tide had ebbed, this anchor on his port quarter about 18 inches behind him, and his vessel was so injured that she sank.

Master's Admission

The "Louisa" was on the mud, and she had a rope tied to a tree from the stern in order to keep her from floating on her own anchor, so the mate said, so that, evidently, the possibility of her slipping on to her own anchor was present in his mind. Having thus secured her, the mate and crew went away, and there was nobody on board the "Louisa" to warn persons coming up river of the position of the anchor. The "Harkaway" gave the "Louisa" a perfectly proper berth, passing at a distance that her master thought was perfectly safe. The anchor might have been driven further into the river subsequently, but there is evidence to show that at the time it was sufficiently projecting to catch the "Harkaway" in this shallow water.

In the olden days, from 1563 and earlier perhaps — 1563 and thereabouts, — this sort of case was quite common, where light draft vessels were going about in shallow places, and anchors were used to keep them in position. It was laid down so far back as 1563 in Clark v. Scattergood that it was neglect to leave an anchor in a navigable river without buoy. I think that is good sense, and it has stood for a good many hundred years. I have asked the Elder Brethren and they also think it good sense. If people put anchors down in channels which are shallow at low tide they ought to be buoyed.

It is said that if a buoy had been put down and a piece of wood or a tin can, the hang of the buoy would only have been 15 feet, but it would have been sufficient to give anybody warning. No sort of warning was given in this case.

It is said in this river they do not use buoys because they get cut away by the motor boats, but that only means that they have not strong enough moorings, and if they put stronger moorings the motor boats would find possibly that their propellers were cut away instead of the moorings of the buoys. That, however, to my mind is no reason why they should not buoy them or use some other means of warning people if they so put out anchors.

Warning Necessary

In my view a warning ought to have been given of this obstruction, and the defendants' servants had no right to drop their anchor in a public navigable river. Mr. Dumas said his clients had a right to pass and repass in any navigable water without obstruction. Mr. Bucknill, in reply, said, "so you have, and I have a right to put an anchor down." So he has, but he has no right to obstruct, and if he does put an anchor down he ought to give a warning. In the circumstances I think it was here a trap, and a trap unfortunately that acted very successfully. Then Mr. Bucknill said there was ample warning where the trap was. But the fact that you have a ship aground 90 feet from her anchor does not tell you where the anchor is or where it may be, and how could the master obtain knowledge of the actual place of the anchor from the position of the "Louisa"? If a person put an anchor down in such a place as this he ought to buoy it. In low water it is necessary he should do so, or use an anchor that does not stick up. If he uses an anchor that offers something like a spike in the river I think he must pay.

Mr. Bucknill urged that to have to buoy such anchors would put a serious burden upon the defendants' vessels. It does add a little to the care required in vessels, but the number of places in which

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"ANKING" PIRACY

CHINESE CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATION

AGAIN REMANDED

Yuen Ping-kwan was yesterday afternoon charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy, with having taken part in the piracy on board the B. & S. s.s. "Anking" on September 26 last, whilst the vessel was on a voyage from Singapore to Amoy.

It may be remembered that as the result of this tragic affair, the European Chief Officer and Chief Engineer of the ship, and a Chinese quartermaster lost their lives, whilst the Captain and Third Officer were wounded, the former severely.

The accused, who was not legally represented, pleaded "not guilty."

The Piracy Recalled

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, outlined the circumstances connected with the piracy. He said that the "Anking" left Singapore on September 28 with a certain amount of freight and some 1,400 deck passengers. Some kind of a search was made for arms before the ship sailed from the southern port.

"All went well for three days. Then, on September 26, the pirates, who had got on board as passengers, rushed the control points of the ship, and shot down the officers, of whom Mr. D. C. Jones, the Chief Officer, and Mr. H. Thomson, the Chief Engineer, and a Chinese quartermaster were killed, while Captain C. E. Blunkett-Cole, the master, and Mr. A. I. Campbell, the Third Officer, were wounded.

Then the pirates took charge of the ship and steered for Chelang Point. Here they landed with their loot at a safe point, using three of the ship's boats for the purpose and taking a number of the European officers, who were, however, subsequently returned to their ship.

The pirates had control of the "Anking" from 6.40 p.m. on the 26th up to 2 a.m. on the 28th. With the departure of the pirates, the wireless equipment, which had hitherto been dismantled by them, was restored to working order and a message sent to Hong Kong.

Proceeding to deal with the part alleged to have been played by the accused in the affair, Mr. Fitzroy said evidence of his participation as an active pirate would be given by four people who had seen him. These were the wireless operator of the ship, who picked him out at the identification parade held at Police Headquarters; Hon Fu-man, the assistant compradore, who saw him stretched on a settee as if sea-sick; Ng Tai-sam, a steward who also saw him in that condition; and a saloon boy.

Mr. Archibald Irving Campbell, who was Third Officer of the "Anking" at the time of the piracy, was the first witness called.

He said that after dinner on September 26, he was sitting on the bridge deck on the starboard side, when suddenly he received a blow on the forehead. He was then made aware of the presence of pirates on board. As he went up the ladder to the lower deck, a minute or so later, he saw a number of Chinese running about and flourishing knives. He received another blow on the forehead and was then stabbed in the back. As he sank down to the deck, before losing consciousness, he saw the Chief Officer, Mr. Jones, stumbling down the ladder.

When witness recovered consciousness, he found himself lying between the body of the Chief Officer and that of the Chinese quartermaster, both of whom appeared to have been killed. In front of him stood a pirate, carrying a rifle which was not of the armament of the ship.

Picked Out

After detailing the loss of his personal possessions as a result of the piracy, Mr. Campbell said he attended an identification parade held at the Central Police Station on the 28rd instant, at which he picked out the accused.

The hearing was adjourned.

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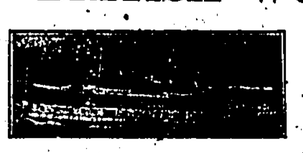

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it would be required is not great and the time during which there is any danger from an anchor is of course very limited; and the cost cannot be much to buoy properly an anchor, and certainly cannot be much for an anchor such as this one.

Questions of Bye-Law

It is said that no bye-law has been made with regard to this matter, but I do not think any bye-law is required to prevent people being negligent. I think that is a matter of common law. Mr. Bucknill asked: "What is to happen when these cases take place at night?" Well, when that case arises I will direct my attention to it. My attention has been called by Mr. Dumas to the case of Joliffe and the Wallasey Board (Law Reports 9, Common Pleas, p. 62) and to the case of Hammond v. Pearson (1808-I. Campbell, p. 515) in which Lord Ellenborough said, "it is a presumptory law of navigation that when any substance is sunk in a navigable river so as to create danger, a buoy should be placed over it for the safety of the public. This is a proper and specific notice, which all understand and are bound to attend to."

That seems to be good law fairly applicable to this case, with the exception that there they are speaking of a barge, and here I am speaking of an anchor, but it seems to me that where an anchor or the fluke of an anchor sticks up out of the bottom of a channel it is perhaps more dangerous than a larger article like a barge. Although it does not cover such a wide area it might do greater damage from the sharpness of its point.

Counsel also referred to Mr. Marsden's work, last edition, where he says: "Before the days of floating docks damage to ships by grounding upon unbuoyed anchors in the Thames and elsewhere was a very frequent cause of action. The ship whose anchor was unbuoyed was invariably found in fault." Down to the case of the Susan there are a series of similar cases in Admiralty from 1648 to 1840. Mr. Marsden goes on, "and ordinances of the Admiralty—which appear to have been presentiments of juries of Admiralty sessions—were issued against leaving anchors unbuoyed.

U.S. Case

In an American case it was held that in ordinary anchorage grounds it is not necessary to buoy the anchor. That is the case of Baxter v. The International Contracting Co., 65 Federal Reports, p. 250, which Mr. Bucknill quoted to me. I have not actually got the report, but it seems in that case that the learned judge, Mr. Justice Brown, said it was a case which happened in an ordinary anchorage ground, and he seemed to think it was a case of a shifted anchor, and that the plaintiff had failed to make out his case, so that it does not help us very much in this case. Mr. Bucknill referred to Mr. Campbell on page 53 with regard to rights in navigable waters, and to the Attorney-General and Wright, 2 K.B., p. 318. That deals only with the right to moor in navigable rivers, about which there is no question. I think in the circumstances the plaintiff is entitled to succeed. As to the amount, there must be judgment for the plaintiffs with a reference to the Registrar to ascertain by inquiry what the damages must be.

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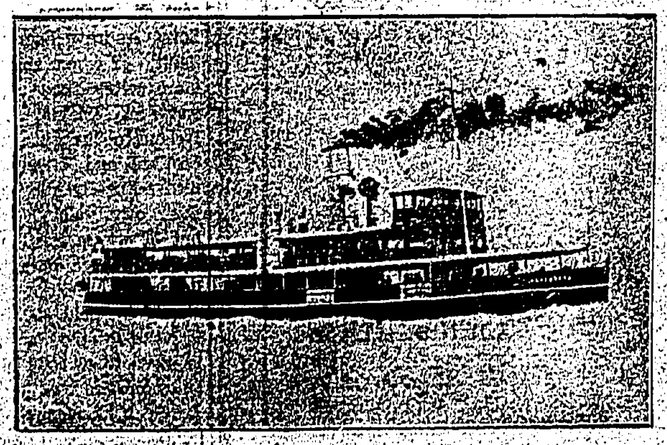

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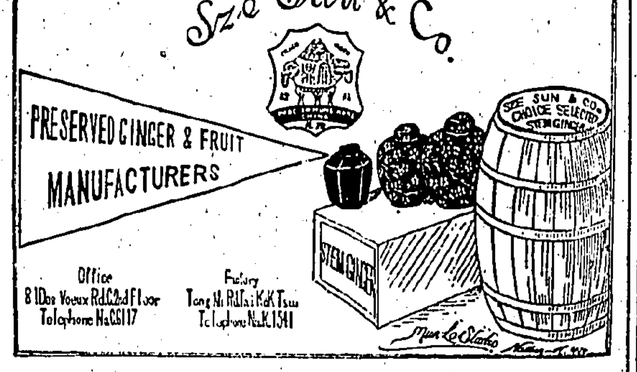

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Marriage arranged between Mr. G. B. S. Thomson and Miss F. E. Kitson, will take place at St. John's Cathedral, on Saturday, 8th December, at 3 p.m.

Invitations are not being issued, but all friends will be welcome at the Cathedral, and afterwards at the Hong Kong Hotel.

DEATH.

CAPELL.—On Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. at his residence, Torres Building, Kowloon, James Ralph Capell (late of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.), age 64. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.
(Shanghai papers please copy.)

Hong Kong, Friday, Nov. 30, 1928.

ST. ANDREW'S "NICHT"

Wherever Scotsmen "foregather" to-day and to-night—no matter in what part of the world—they will make at least some sort of reference to the good Saint Andrew, Scotland's Patron Saint, of whom some Irishmen, more witty than veracious, say was an Irishman sent from Ireland to Christianise and civilise Scotland and of whom Englishmen naturally know less than of their own gallant Saint George, but of whom Scotsmen, without knowing much of their Saint that is really authentic, know that he should be held in high regard. For the worthy Saint Andrew is believed to embody all the excellent qualities that go to make up the Scottish ideal of true patriotism—love of justice and of homeland chiefly—and which has been a source of inspiration towards high ideals throughout the centuries.

But to-day, as for many years past, the commemoration of Saint Andrew's day or rather "nicht" has been regarded as little more than a splendid opportunity for Scotsmen to fraternise, feast and make merry and, in the company of their friends of other nations, to create a really Scottish atmosphere, no matter in what part of the globe they may happen to be. That is why Scotsmen tonight, in the name of their Patron Saint, will meet and with their friends "trip it lightly" to the skirl of the bagpipes, taste somewhat of the "barley bree" of their native land, and partake of that mysterious concoction known as the haggis. Particularly in the Far East Saint Andrew's ball has long been and still is rightly regarded as one of the jolliest of social functions and indeed he or she would be sadly lacking in the festive spirit if unresponsive to the gaiety that is invariably present at the gathering in honour of Saint Andrew. It may be that such gatherings have a tendency to cause one to over-rate the virtues of patriotism by placing and rating such virtues higher than those of internationalism. But such, we believe, is not the object of the true Scot on this annual celebration, for it merely gives him an opportunity, of which he makes the most, to create an atmosphere reminiscent of his native land at its romantic best—an atmosphere of clans and a display of the tartan, the skirl of the pipes, of enjoying his native dances and of exchanging fraternal greetings with "brither Scots" in other places. It is altogether a healthy fraternisation and patriotic demonstration, with nothing really selfish about it, for it is likewise an opportunity that Scotsmen make the most of to gather into their Scottish fold many of their friends of other nationalities. Thus is it just as much international as national and in this respect there is little room for even the most ardent lover of the so-called "spirit of the times" who would have us forget our nationalism in a broader, freer internationalism when, in the words of Scotland's immortal poet, Burns, "Man to man the world ower will brothers be for a' that."

A healthy exuberance of patriotism that has as its object a fraternisation that idealises one's country, such as is largely the case with Scotsmen on the anniversary of the birth of Scotland's Patron Saint, the worthy Andrew, and in which a share of the merry festivity is partaken by many others not of Scotland, cannot but be wholesome. Therefore with Scottish folk here as elsewhere, in their celebration of Saint Andrew, to-day and particularly to-night—for "the nicht's the nicht" all right thinking people will be in hearty accord. Such gatherings, primarily national but virtually international, can be only salutary in every respect. To the memory of the good Saint Andrew, to the Scottish folk that commemorate that memory and, in doing so, create an atmosphere of their native land at its best, and to all who participate in the festivities along with the "exiled highlanders and lowlanders of Bonnie Scotland," all will wish the best of wishes in their annual festival and trust that both the day and the "nicht" specially dedicated to Saint Andrew will pass off to the satisfaction of all participating in the celebration.

Lord Byng of Vimy, proposing the toast of the Rhodes scholars at Oxford, said: "In these days it is not easy to be of good courage. The world wants leaders. Wherever one goes, in any country, one finds a want of leaders . . . in every sphere of human effort life is ebbing from the traditional formula. Yet there is no pain from which the people flinch as they do from the pain of thinking. It seems dangerous. It is dangerous. But it is always the price that has to be paid for new life. The great man is he who breaks step to work out a vision of his own. His first essential quality is that he has the capacity to be lonely, whereas ordinary men find safety in the herd."—"The Argus" (Melbourne, Australia).

Eight further "Chinese" cases of small-pox (seven in Kowloon) were reported yesterday.

Failing to run his vehicles according to schedule, the proprietor of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., was yesterday convicted by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy and fined $25.

Commanded by Captain C. Albers, the s.s. "Passat" which flies the German flag, arrived for the first time in this Colony at 6.30 a.m. to-day. The vessel was registered at Bremen and is of 4,065.97 tonnage net. She is owned by the Narrppahrter Reederer, A. G. and her agent is Sander, Wieler. She has 4,200 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 4,300 tons for ports beyond.

At the European Y.M.C.A., last night, Miss Watts took the lead in a debate in which she moved "That the instalment system promotes greater happiness and prosperity.'" The opposition was led by Miss Clark. Mr. H. J. Love supported Miss Watts' arguments, whilst Mr. R. W. Sapsed supported Miss Clark. The motion was lost by 18 to 7 votes. Mr. P. S. Cassidy presided.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE R.A.F. FLIGHT

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—The four Supermarine "Southampton" Flying Boats, with their crews of eight officers, eight N.C.O.'s and men, which compose the Far East Flight left Hong Kong this morning at 6.30: and how many people in this Colony knew of it? Who was interested enough to find out anything about them; or, more important still, what was done to entertain both the officers and men during the eleven days' visit of the Flight?

Notice of their arrival was published in the Papers often enough and early enough to arrange something for them, but was anything done?

We have read, lately, many interesting articles on the subject of Commercial Flying in the Daily Papers and yet when such a unique opportunity is given us to learn something at first hand was any attempt made to take advantage of it?

The men of the Far East Flight were always very willing to answer questions or to explain any point raised and a visit to Kai Tack where the Boats were moored was well worth the trouble and was very instructive.

I, personally, know of only one attempt to show the men that they were not neglected and in this case some of the Flight were taken for motor drives and given a dinner: not an arduous undertaking but one thoroughly appreciated after living in such close quarters and eating nothing but tinned food, even to tinned bread.

Is it due to the usual indifference of the Hong Kong people that this is the only spot during a trip of fourteen months that nothing was done to show our appreciation of the tremendous task which these men are accomplishing in a survey of the air in British interests for future Air Routes.

Yours etc.,
Ex R.F.C. & R.A.F.

LADY INVERCLYDE

NOT DEFENDING DIVORCE SUIT

"THIRD PARTY'S" SILENCE

Lord Murray, in the Court of Session at Edinburgh, fixed November 20 for the hearing of the petition for divorce brought by Lord Inverclyde, of Castle Wemyss, Renfrewshire.

Mr. Strachan, for Lord Inverclyde, said the case was undefended. A third party to whom intimation was made had not lodged defences.

Proof would be very short, he added.

Lady Inverclyde, whose address was given as the Curzon Hotel, Mayfair, was fomerly Miss Olive Sainsbury, daughter of Mr. Arthur Sainsbury, one of the heads of the provision firm. She is 22.

Her marriage with Lord Inverclyde, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in November 1926, was one of the most brilliant events of the season.

Lord Inverclyde, who succeeded to the title in 1919, is 30. He inherited £2,000,000 on the death of his father eight years ago.

PIONEER PICTURES

To-morrow's art supplement in the "China Mail" will again be of four full pages, with all the usual features.

The first in the field with coloured pictorial sections, the "China Mail" is publishing to-morrow a series of photos well up to the pioneer standard and relating to a variety of local topics.

PEDESTRIANS

"STAND STILL IN TRAFFIC"

Mr. Douglas Cowburn, the South London coroner, at an inquest at Brixton, said that when people became confused in London traffic the safest thing for them to do was to stand perfectly still.

"That, no doubt, requires a certain amount of courage," he added, "but it is far safer, because then motor drivers, who are just as anxious to avoid an accident, know what to do."

The inquest related to the death of Mrs. Florence Adelaide Fitzgerald, aged 48, a widow, of Brixton-hill, who was knocked down and killed by a motor-van in Half Moon-lane, Herne-hill.

The driver of the van, William Muirhead, of Fordmill-road, Bellingham, stated that Mrs. Fitzgerald appeared to change her mind three times. "First she ran in front of me, and I swerved to go round her," he said. "Then she ran back several paces, as if to allow me to pass her, and finally she ran forward right in front of my van. If she had not hesitated I could have avoided her."

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and exonerated Muirhead.

SOCIAL CLUB

"CURSE TO THE COMMUNITY"

Albert Hawkes was summoned before Mr. Hay Halkett, at Marlborough-street, for selling intoxicating liquor without a justice's licence, at the Greek Social Club, Greek-street, W. He was also summoned, with William Claude Holmes and Edward Gower, for supplying liquor after the permitted hour of 11 p.m.

The summons against Gower was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act, and he was ordered to pay 6s. costs.

Mr. Knight, for the Commissioner of Police, stated that the club served no useful purpose, and was a curse to the community, being frequented by undesirable men and women. The police, who went there on various occasions, were able to buy liquor, both for themselves and for anybody they chose.

Mr. Halkett fined Hawkes a total of £120, with £31 10s. costs, and Holmes £60.

The club was ordered to be struck off the register, and the premises were disqualified from being used as a club for twelve months.

A woman went to see a doctor. "H'm," said the doctor, "severe headaches, bilious attacks, pains in the neck—h'm! What is your age, madam?"

"Twenty-four, doctor," she replied, coyly.

"H'm!" said the doctor, "and you're suffering from loss of memory, too!"

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The village choirboys had decided to form a cricket team, and appointed their junior member honorary secretary.

In due course the youngster appealed to the curate for support.

This is how his letter ended: "And we should be very pleased, sir, if you would allow us the use of the bats which the choirmen say you have got in the belfry!"

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She aspired to become a prima donna and sang one evening to a critic.

"Tell me," she asked, "am I a soprano or a contralto?"

"Madam," he replied sadly, "you are not."

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Mistress (to new maid): "We will have lunch early to-day, Mary, because we are going for a drive."

Maid: "Can I leave the washing up till we come back, mum?"

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The negro had been ill and was telling his friends about it.

"I sho' got so bad," he said, "that I looked in the paper every morning to see if I was among th' departed."

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Prospective buyer (to dog fancier): "Are you quite sure this is a pedigree dog?"

Dog Fancier: "My good man, if this dog could talk he would not speak to either of us."

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A lady went into a big department shop and said to the shopwalker: "I want something in oil for the dining-room, please."

"Yes, madam," was the reply. "A landscape or a tin of sardines?"

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The teacher was testing her class with questions on general knowledge.

"What is the Order of the Bath?" she asked.

"Please, miss," replied one boy, "Pa first, then Ma, and then us kids."

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A resident of the suburbs, on going down the street one morning was surprised to find some workmen digging the road up.

"You don't mean to say you're opening up this part of the road again," he remarked to one of the men, "after having just filled it in?"

"Well, sir," was the reply, "this is our last 'ope o' findin' the foreman's pie-dish."

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The Vicar was an appallingly bad golfer.

"I suppose," he said to his caddie, "that you've seen worse golfers than me?"

The caddie made no reply.

"I suppose," the other repeated loudly, "that you've seen worse golfers than me, eh?"

"All right, sir. I heard what you said," replied the caddie. "I was just thinking."

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The schoolmaster was questioning two small lads on their arrival at school for the first time.

Said he to the first little boy: "Now, sonny, what is your name?"

"Tom," replied the boy.

"You should not say Tom, but Thomas," said the schoolmaster.

"And now, what is your name?" said he to the second lad.

The boy's answer came without a moment's hesitation, "Jackass."

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Johnson had been given a small part in the show at the local theatre. His lines consisted of the words, "The plot thickens."

When the time came for him to say his words, he dashed on the stage, and in a melodramatic voice said: "The thick plockens—I mean the plick thockens—Oh! dash, the thock plickens."

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Dorothy had been given an orange by a friend, and had taken it without a word of thanks.

"What do you say, Dorothy?" asked her mother, reprovingly.

"Peel it," replied Dorothy, holding out the orange to its donor.

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Mother: "What did you do with that cake you took to school last week?"

Tommie: "I—I gave it to teacher."

Mother: "Did he eat it?"

Tommie: "I think so, because he isn't in this week."

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"Why, Jane," said her mistress, "what do you want to leave for? Haven't I studied you in every way, even to installing a wireless set in the kitchen?"

"Yes, ma'am," said Jane, "but it's that wireless set that's the trouble. I am not satisfied with the programmes."

FINANCE VOTES

INCREASED COST OF PUMPING WATER

UNOFFICIAL'S QUERY.

Twenty-three votes—totalling $147,732 were passed yesterday at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the attendance comprising:—

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., Chairman), the Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., Bach., the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. B. D. E. Beith, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie.

When a vote of $25,000 for waterworks maintenance, charges of the city and hill district, came up, the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes said he noticed in the explanation that it was stated that coal alone showed an increase and he would like some explanation given with regard to it. He would like to know if conditions had in any way changed from normal and what was the present cost of coal per ton.

"Serious Matter"

The Director of Public Works replied that there were two months' extra pumping this year.

The Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes: Are you perfectly satisfied you are obtaining the same ratio of water per ton of coal, and is the ratio satisfactory?

The Director of Public Works: As a matter of fact we have had a great many complaints that the coal and pumping has been much more expensive.

The Colonial Treasurer: Besides, coal has gone up $2 a ton.

The Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes: If the excess in the cost of coal is so great, this water shortage is going to be a serious matter financially.

The Chairman: You will note that these figures are up to the end of the year.

The Director of Public Works promised to supply the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes with full details of the increase.

MANILA SHOWS

COMING TO HONG KONG ON DECEMBER 8

The Manila Shows, a travelling carnival company that arrives in Hong Kong on Monday to open an engagement on the new reclamation ground, Praya East, December 8, has quite a history behind it. Churchill and Tait proprietors of the Manila Shows with their head office at Manila conceived the notion some nine years ago to send travelling companies out from the Philippine Islands. This organization had confined their activities to the Philippine Carnival before that.

The first show were sent abroad with a tour of the Federated Malay States and the Dutch East Indies and each and every year since then these countries have been favoured with one of their shows. Churchill and Tait besides the Manila Shows operated two other travelling carnival companies one of which is playing Calcutta at the present time while one still remains in the Dutch East Indies.

The shows that will be seen in Hong Kong shortly played India the early part of this year afterwards touring the Federated Malay States and now jump to China before their return to the Philippines to play the Manila Carnival in February of next year.

Mr. Stewart Tait, proprietor of the shows has arrived in Hong Kong from Shanghai where he has been looking over the field with the idea of sending a show to China each year. If this plan is accomplished Hong Kong can look forward to a carnival show each season and as the shows are routed in such a way as to alternate there will always be something new and interesting from year to year.

The Churchill and Tait organization is the same that played the Borneo Malayan Exposition some years ago and they have also played many charity feats including the Bombay Rangoon Red Cross feats each year. The organization has been very successful in raising funds for charitable organizations and are at the present time engaged on a plan of this kind for the Masonic Crippled Children's Home in Manila.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Karmala" left Shanghai for this port on Nov. 28 at 2 a.m., and is due here to-day at about 5 p.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s (Chartered) s.s. "Trelawny" left Singapore for this port on Nov. 25, and is due here on Dec. 3 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 4 p.m., left Yokohama to-day at 8 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Dec. 6 at a.m.

The M.V. s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Nov. 15, and is due here on or about Dec. 24.

Mr. C. E. Bechhofer Roberts's book, "This Side Idolatry," was banned from the public libraries of Portsmouth, where Dickens was born, because of its adverse treatment of the novelist's private life.

SPURIOUS COINS

MAN GETS THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR

BAD 10 CENT PIECES.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was yesterday passed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy, on a Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of 48 counterfeit ten-cent pieces.

Police evidence was that accused was arrested on information that he was importing spurious coins from Swatow. After he had been taken to the Police Station, accused undertook to take the police to No. 88, Canton-road, where in a hole near a wall the police found the 48 coins. Accused was also alleged to have told Police Sergeant Fowlie that he had brought $160 worth of coins to Hong Kong.

Accused said that when he brought the coins from Swatow he did not know they were bad. On discovering their nature in Hong Kong, he intended to take them back to Swatow. In the meantime he had hidden the coins because he was frightened.

In passing sentence, his Worship remarked that if the accused had been really honest he would have dropped the bad coins into the harbour, or handed them over to the police.

"THE KING OF KINGS"

CECIL DE MILLE'S SUPER PICTURE

Cecil B. de Mille and his co-workers laboured unceasingly for nearly two years before presenting to the public the superb dramatic production "The King of Kings." Nothing has been overlooked in depicting the humble Nazarene during the last year of His Ministry. Not a single detail is missing to make it authentic. The costumes worn in Judea during Christ's time, the atmospheric touches necessary to lend a verisimilitude to the settings—all of these are in place. It cannot be questioned that the most dramatic events are those visualizing the Crucifixion and the visitation of God's wrath upon the death of Jesus. The de Mille of "The Ten Commandments" comes forward here to express in terms of vivid cinema the Agony of the Dying Figure. It is an awe inspiring scene—this tragedy on Cavalry. The heavens look ominous as if biding time to offer up their angry protestations. It is all magnificent—as well as the play of lightning and the trembler rends the earth asunder following the Crucifixion. The panoramic display, the intimate shots of the multitude, and the crosses silhoutted against the sky—all lend a graphic touch significant in its high spiritual quality. In brief, "The King of Kings," purely from a production standpoint, is the finest achievement of the eminent director, Cecil B. De Mille. It will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

"THE BETTER 'OLE"

BAIRNSFATHER'S FAMOUS COMEDY

Syd Chaplin's characterization of Old Bill in the famous comedy "The Better 'Ole" which will be seen at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Tuesday has been hailed as the popular comedian's masterpiece. "Old Bill" is Bruce Bairnsfather's universally beloved caricature of the British Tommy and his adventures in the World war. Bill's pal in the story, little Alf, is played by Jack Ackroyd, a Yorkshire lad, who served with the British forces in France, where he was wounded three times. The picture itself has been acclaimed the funniest comedy of its type ever made. It has been given a monumental production with the well-known director Charles Reisner emerging as one of the star directors of comedy pictures. "The Better 'Ole" is in no sense burlesque. Everything is as nearly technically correct as experts could make it. In short, it is a logical, articulate and absorbing story of what happened "behind the line" told from a humorous viewpoint. Over 500 British and German ex-soldier take part in the big mob scenes.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

A well-known rubber planter from the Straits Settlements, Mr. H. L. Linnell, arrived recently in Shanghai on his way to England where he will spend a holiday.

Mr. Chang Chi, an old Kuomintang guard, who went to North China some time ago, officially took up his new post as Chairman of the Peking Political Council on the afternoon of Nov. 9.

Mr. Feng Shao-shan, Chairman of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, has been elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Provincial Chambers of Commerce.

A meeting of the newly elected directors of the Imperial Aviation Association at Tokyo was held recently when it was decided that the proposed scheme for crossing the Pacific should be carried out at any cost. However, the machines and methods used in this year's experiment will be abandoned and a new plan will have to be devised later.

The State Council is considering serving a notice of warning to the municipal authorities of Nanking as a result of the recurrence of robbery in the city during the last few days. The police who are immediately responsible for the prevention of such crimes will be instructed to institute a rigid system of detection of robbers to prevent further similar crimes.

The "Sin Wan Pao" (says the "Shanghai Times") published a garbled report of the alleged arrest of a Chinese police sergeant by a Sikh constable of the Settlement. The newspaper stated that the sergeant was arrested when he went to a road in Chinese territory to ascertain if workmen of the Settlement were making repairs. It is alleged that upon his arrival he was arrested and taken to a Settlement police station. The report is without foundation.

The unveiling of a monument erected in front of the Fumonin Temple, Mount Koya, in memory of the martyrs of the air at the instance of the Japan Air Transport Company took place on Nov. 4. The staff of the concern, families of aviators killed and others were present. The veil was removed by the little son of the late Mr. Goto, one of the aeronauts chosen for the proposed trans-Pacific flight, who was killed in one of the preparatory flights from Omura, Nagasaki.

M. Thomas, Director of the International Labour Bureau, left Peking on Wednesday by the night train for Hankow en route to Nanking. M. Thomas expects to spend a few days in the Wu-Han districts before proceeding to Nanking. At the luncheon reception given by General Pei Chung-hsi the "Cantonese Lindbergh," Commander Chang Hui-chang, was also present and was introduced to M. Thomas who congratulated the youthful Cantonese airman on his unique achievement and expressed the hope that aviation will develop rapidly in China to facilitate domestic as well as international communications.

"Your money has been taken by us. The Big Sword Association." This strange missive was received by Mr. S. Sharisha, employee of the Naigai Wata Kaisha, after his place had been broken into and $4,500 stolen, early on the morning of Nov. 15. An office boy of the mill, with three others who originally admitted the robbery in the Provisional Court a few days was remanded before Judge Sung and Deputy Hasegawa in Shanghai, on a further charge of theft of a pistol and seven rounds of ammunition from the same complainant. The office boy could not deny that he stole the pistol but pleaded that he did not do it for the purpose of robbing the complainant later.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The King of Kings."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Don't Tell The Wife."

To-day—World Theatre; Jackie Coogan in the "Bugle Call."

To-day—St. Andrew's Ball, in the City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

Dec. 14, 15, 17, 18 21, 22—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 9 p.m.

Dec. 14—H.K.V.D.C. Machine Gun Company Dance, City Hall.

Dec. 19—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society Society presents "Tom Jones," 4.30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions

Dec. 3—At No. 5, Victoria Gardens, Kowloon household furniture, silver ware and curio and one upright grand piano by "Haake," 10.30 a.m.

Dec. 4—At Sales Room, Duddell-st. a valuable collection of Curios, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sales

Dec. 3—At P.W.D. Offices, three lots of Crown land at Mong Kok Tsui and King Edward-rd., 3 p.m.

Sports

To-day — Two Y.M.C.A.'s return Billiards match, at Chinese Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

To-day — H.K.Y.M.C.A. Basket Ball, "A" v. "D", 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 1—Hong Kong Jockey Club's eighth extra race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Dec. 1—Second Boxing tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Meeting

Dec. 3—Meeting of H.K.V.D.C. Dance Committee, at Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

Dec. 1—Rose day in aid of funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the Colony's poor.

Dec. 3—Popular lecture on "Wireless" by Major Miles, R.E., at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 9—Drawing of a Pontiac Six 5-seater sedan motor car at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's fete.

Dec. 11—Formal opening of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, by H.E. the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G. at 4.30 p.m. and reception at the Hotel from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

December 14—Hong Kong Automobile Association's annual dinner dance, at Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Thanksgiving Service of First Church of Christ, Scientist was held yesterday.

The Golden text was, "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." (Ps. 69: 30).

Among the citations which comprised the Service was the following from the Bible: "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the majesty: for all that is in heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all, and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name (1 Chron. 29: 11-13).

The Service also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "We admit theoretically that God is good, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, and then we try to give information to this infinite Mind. We plead for unmerited pardon and for a liberal outpouring of benefactions. Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech" (p. 3).

A Tientsin message states that the Soviet Consulate there, which was closed down sometime ago, is to be re-opened soon, having been appointed by the Soviet Government.

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1 pt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
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DEFENCE TO OPEN

SPECIAL JURY INTERVENE IN YEO TRIAL

"CASE DRAGGING ON"

After eight days in the Supreme Court, the case for the prosecution was closed yesterday in the trial of Carvalho Yeo on an indictment of forgery of and uttering three Hong Kong Treasury cheques to the total amount of over $250,000.

The Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) held that he could not uphold the application of Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E. (counsel for the defence) to inspect the Police records on the case; but his Lordship also expressed the view that he had no objection to Mr. Jenkin seeing the file if the Police permitted him to do so, but the Court would make no order.

The special jury therefore suggested an adjournment until this afternoon so that Mr. Jenkin can consider his position before he opens the defence.

Crown "Fishing"

After the Crown had recalled Tsang On-wing (cheque book clerk) yesterday, the jury said that they were satisfied as to the evidence on this point and did not wish to hear any more. "As far as they could see, the case was dragging on and on almost unnecessarily." They had not, however, decided one way or the other as to the point in question.

When Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (who is leading for the Crown) asked if the Court wished to hear two Chinese clerks from the Treasury, Mr. Jenkin accused the prosecution of "fishing" to see what the Court wanted. The jury decided to dispense with the attendance of these two clerks.

Evening Wear

Posed by Gwen Lee—this charming dinner or evening frock is of green chiffon, the skirt being made of squares applied to the fitted bodice in points. A row of pearl buttons trim the bodice and green ostrich cuffs enhance the sleeves.

GROWING TREES

CHINESE WOMEN FINED FOR CUTTING

Mr. J. J. Hirst, assistant supervisor of the Botanical and Forestry Department, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged two Chinese with the unlawful possession of wood cut from a "wild" pine tree of over two inches in diameter.

The prosecution stated that the defendants had between them about 150 catties, and had cut down a fairly large tree.

Defendants, pleading guilty, said that they had taken the wood from their own plantation near Shatin Gap-road, precisely at the spot where they were arrested yesterday.

Formal evidence of the arrest was given by a Chinese of the Forestry guard.

In fining defendants $10 each, Mr. E. W. Hamilton said that they must not cut down trees contrary to those allowed in their licences, and more especially growing trees.

Mr. Ashley Edwards, a director of the firm of Muir, Beddall and Co., Ltd., insurance brokers, of Bucklersbury, E.C., will be Conservative candidate for the Dartford Division of Kent.

Invergarry House, Inverness, with four miles of salmon fishing rights, was purchased at auction in London for £50,000 by Sir Mortimer Singer, of Milton Hall, Steventon, Berkshire.

TO-NIGHT'S BALL

(*Continued From Page 1.*)

To-night's Ball

Telegrams between kindred Societies in the Far East and elsewhere were exchanged to-day and the finishing touches applied to the preparations for to-night's celebrations.

The following are to take part in the State Lancers at the Ball to-night:—

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) and Mrs. C. G. S. Mackie; the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mrs. Southorn; Mr. W. W. Hornell, C. I. E. and Mrs. J. L. Pearson; Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Lady Pollock; Mr. A. H. Ferguson and Mrs. Luard; H. E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.) and Mrs. Ferguson; the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G. C.B.E. and Mrs. H. T. Creasy; Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., and Mrs. R. M. Dyer.

Those taking part in the official reel will be attired in highland kit. They are:—Mr. M. A. A. Mackintosh and Mrs. Mackie; Dr. and Mrs. G. D. R. Black; Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Cookes; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Sutherland.

Official Supper Party

The official supper party will be as follows:—

The Chieftain and Mrs. Southorn;
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The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D. and Mrs. Wolfe, M.B.E.;
The Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith and Mrs. Shields;
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Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., and Mrs. Creasy;
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Mr. D. J. Lewis and Mrs. Gow;
The Rev. F. C. Young and Mrs. Wylie;
Mr. D. Harvey and Mrs. Duncan;
Mr. D. Gow and Mrs. Young;
Mr. B. Wylie and Mrs. Harvey;
Mr. P. Tod and Mrs. Cookes;
Mr. E. M. Bryden and Mrs. Tod;
Mr. A. L. Shields and Miss Mackie.

Late Peak Trams

In connection with St. Andrew's Ball to-night, it is announced that late cars will run on the Peak Tramway at 1 a.m., 1.30, 2 and 2.30. The Star Ferry will run late launches at 1.30 a.m., 2 and 2.30.

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CAPT. D. A. THOMSON'S FUNERAL

BODY BROUGHT BACK

The body of Captain D. A. Thomson, late Marine Superintendent of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., is being brought back to Hong Kong by the s.s. "Kingyuan" from Hoihow and the funeral will be held here, passing the monument at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Capt. Thomson died at sea on Nov. 26, on the s.s. "Chinhua" between Hoihow and Bangkok. He was born on March 12, 1874.

"PUNCH & JUDY"

BRIGHTON PIER CHAIRMAN'S VIEW OF WIRELESS MUSIC

Councillor S. G. Gibson, chairman of the Brighton West Pier Company, who is also chairman of the Corporation Publicity Committee, is of the opinion that it is unfair for a corporation to run military bands in competition with their biggest ratepayers. He says:

"People are said to be always craving for music, but, although the very best it was possible to obtain was produced on the pier, people would not patronise it. Most people nowadays have wireless and stay at home to hear a Punch and Judy band, instead of going to the pier and hearing good class music."

Councillor Gibson said the pier had the finest bathing house in Europe, yet young fellows preferred to be on the sands with a few girls round them rather than come to the pier.

Tassel Pendants

A Molyneux satin dress with an interesting series of tassel pendants from the front and the left hip. The belt is of pearls and diamonds embroidered in the new Paris manner.

BOY MARVEL

ALLEGED MIRACULOUS POWERS

Miraculous powers of healing combined with a saintly character are ascribed to an uneducated 12-year-old peasant boy named Ichalowski, an inhabitant of a small village near Lublin, to which thousands of persons are flocking from the surrounding districts to seek a cure for their ailments and balm for their souls. They listen wonderingly to the boy's sermons, which are interspersed with quotations from classic and modern languages and scientific dissertions though the preacher has never left his native village.

The death occurred recently at Tretes, near Sourabaya, of Mr. B. Newton Powell, who has been described as the best-known man in Java and the oldest British resident in that country. For some time past he had been suffering from sprue. Born in 1858 at Great's Green, West Bromwich, Mr. Powell went to Java in 1882 to join his uncle, Mr. Benjamin Clarke, for many years manager of Ledgwood and Co., and eventually succeeded him in that appointment, at the same time being in charge of the American Consulate at Sourabaya. He was prominent in Masonic circles, was founder of Lodge Powell in Sourabaya, and met many of the brethren in Singapore when he last visited there some two years ago. His wife was a daughter of Thomas Booth, who went to Java in 1849, bringing the first machinery for a sugar factory in that country, which was made at the Horsley Works near Bromwich.

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How many times were you "stumped" when somebody asked you about conditions in China? Show that you are at least thoughtful by sending them a copy of the "Overland." That will tell them all they want to know.

The "Overland" is the only weekly budget of Hong Kong and China news that is illustrated. Its topical pictures, covering a variety of subjects, are very welcome.

This week's "Overland" includes articles on the following subjects:—

The trial of Carvalho Yeo in connection with the alleged Treasury Fraud.

The Story of the Life of Dr. Miao Chung-yi, convicted at Home of murder.

Promotion of a Cadet and a P.W.D. official.

Deadlock in negotiations between China and Japan.

Steps by the National Government of China to reduce the power of the provinces.

Violent typhoons south of Hong Kong and in the Pacific.

A Home mail via Siberia closes at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday. This will reach London about Dec. 22. It will be an excellent Christmas present from Hong Kong-ites who have just got back.

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SOCCER

To-morrow's Big League Programme

HONG KONG FAVOURED

Good Matches in Both Divisions

[By "Rover"]

The programme to-morrow is both extensive and interesting and several matches of a very keen nature are down for decision. The full list of matches and officials is as follows:—

Hong Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.

South China v. R.A., Caroline Hill—referee, C. P. O. Cowan, R.N.

Recreio v. Chinese Athletic, King's Park—referee, L. S. B. A. Atkinson, R.N.

Club v. Navy (A), Club ground—referee, Captain Austen, R.A.

Small Units v. Kowloon, Sookumpoo—referee, Coxswain Willis, R.N.

Police v. Queen's Regt., St. Joseph's ground, or Kowloon—referee, Mr. F. Smith.

Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.30 p.m.

South China B v. Kowloon, Caroline Hill—referee, Sgt. Clarke.

Recreio v. Small Units, King's Park—referee, Lce. Cpl. Grieve.

St. Joseph's v. K.O.S.B., St. Joseph's—referee, Mr. Ip Kau-ko.

R.A. v. South China A, Sookumpoo—referee, Mr. Lawrence.

Queen's v. University, Chatham-road—referee, Sgt. Toms.

Eastern v. R.A.F., Chinese ground, Happy Valley—referee, Lce. Corpl. Shead.

Hong Kong is particularly favoured with four matches in the 1st Division while only one is staged for Kowloon, although there is a possibility that the Police v. Queen's Regiment will be played at Kowloon as the Kowloon ground is disengaged, and this fine match is worthy of a better venue than the lower pitch at the Valley which is not 1st Division standard.

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The match at the Recreio ground should be the big event of the day, as Recreio will probably be at full strength, and a great match should result. Gosano and Brown will both be out, and with the ground advantage, Recreio should secure a point. The Athletic may find the Recreio ground a bit on the small side, and this will affect their game somewhat. There should be a great crowd, and a very exciting match resulting.

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The Police and Queen's match is the next most interesting one of the series, and here I fancy the Police will set up a good show. Clever as the Queen's are, the Police have a very capable side, and weight for weight are the Regiment's equal. The extra cleverness of the Queen's forwards should, however, just decide the issue which will not be a runaway one.

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The Club v. Navy match at the Valley should be a good one. Goldman has infused just the necessary dash in the Club's van needed, and the Club will advance slowly but surely. They possess the players, and will strike their proper form yet. Young Edwards of the University is keeping goal for the Club, and his performance will be watched with interest. The Navy are stronger than at the commencement of the season and are fielding a good side. The forwards are nippy and the defence is solid. I think the Club will have to struggle hard for a point although a division of the points is a likely result.

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At Caroline Hill the South China and the R.A. should be another very interesting match and the home side should start favourites, although they have played on visiting grounds much better this season than on their own fine playing pitch. In home matches South China have not been too impressive, which is rough on their supporters but if they strike their proper form at Caroline Hill they should secure the points as the ground is large and suited to speedy forwards. The R.A. are ever good fighters and will put up a big opposition and this match should be a very fine one.

The remaining first Division match is between Kowloon and the much improved Small Units XI. Both teams are improving, and Kowloon who have history behind them are my fancy for this match and should secure their first two points at Sookumpoo a ground where they have always put up a good show.

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The Junior programme is a very good one but the Queen's Regiment by their mid-week victory over the K.O.S.B. regiment look to have this League well in hand. The winners on Saturday in this Division should be South China "B" who are doing better than South China "A," Recreio, K.O.S.B., South China "A," and R.A.F. The Queen's Regiment Res. and Chinese Athletic Res. matches v. University and Navy "B" respectively are for various reasons not likely to be played.

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Teams:—

Club v. Navy (A)

Club:—Edwards; Holt, Bishop; Wallington, Stewart, McBride (captain); Watson, Alexander, Goldman, Scott, Trambitzky.

Navy (A):—Brookman ("Titania"); Barkham ("Titania"), Baker ("Titania"); Cope ("Tamar"), Farlowe ("Titania"), Moss ("Cumberland"); Balcombe ("Titania), Kernick ("Titania"), Evans ("Bruce"), Mann ("Cumberland"), Bowles ("Cumberland").

Police v. Queen's Regt.

Police:—Clarke; Wynne, Williams; Hudson, Brittain, Jessop; Pile, Howarth, Fraser, McGreevy, Shepherd.

Kowloon v. Small Units

Kowloon:—Angus; Guest, Pile; Hedley, McKelvie, Easterbrook; Clemo, Miles, Spary, Hayes, Baldwin.

South China v. R.A.

South China:—Pau Ka-ping; Li Tin-sang, Lau Kau; Leong Yin-chan, Pang Wa-hing, Leong Wing-chui; Li Tin-choy, Fung King-chung, Leung Wing-tuk, Lau Mau, Ip Pak-wa.

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Jottings

At the meeting of the H.K.F.A. Council on Tuesday last the Committees were elected to select the teams for the big matches this year of a representative nature. The most important of these are the ties for the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup which are regarded as Hong Kong's biggest events in Soccer for the year, both from a playing point of view and from a financial standpoint. The success of this competition has been remarkable in past years, especially last year, when the contributions for the year to charity exceeded the total of the previous years. If this record can be beaten this year, remains to be seen, but the feature of this year's contests will be the side which will represent England, as owing to the presence of the "Bedfords and Herts" in the Colony, and also the Queen's Regiment, and some crack Navy players England will be favourites. Scotland won last year with a well balanced team but England's best this year especially forward should be superior to any local opposition.

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The unfortunate incidents arising out of the Queen's Regt. Res. and Chinese Athletic Res. match at Chatham-road a fortnight ago have been presided over by the Emergency Committee of the H.K.F.A. The Queen's player has been suspended for striking, but the full decision of the Committee has been deferred pending the evidence of the referee, who is at present out of the Colony.

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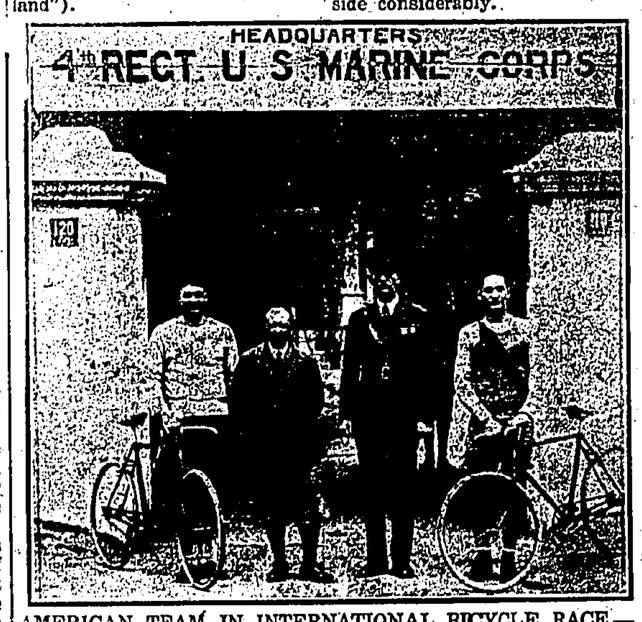
On Dec. 18 the big Service Charity Match between Navy and Army for the Trafalgar Day Fund will probably take place at the Club ground and is of special interest. The Army will have the assistance of the best of the "Beds" and Herts" while with the return of important Fleet Units to Hong Kong Navy will be assisted by A. B. MacGregor, Royal Navy full back for seasons 1923-24, 27 and 28.

P.O. Tilley, Royal Navy, half back, Season 1926; H. Jones, Royal Navy half back, season 1927; and Corporal A. S. Pearks, centre half Devon County. The inclusion of MacGregor in the Navy team will release Barkham for his old position at outside right and strengthen the Navy side considerably.



AMERICAN TEAM IN INTERNATIONAL BICYCLE RACE.—Colonel F. D. Kilgore, Commander of the United States Marines in Shanghai, entered an American team equipped with Ariel racers for the International Bicycle Race, under the coaching of Mr. Kyat Tong, China's greatest cycling enthusiast. Left to right: Ray Hiatt, Kyat Tong, Col. Kilgore and Joe Flores.—(Wei Fong).

FANLING HUNT

ENGAGEMENTS FIXED FOR DECEMBER

NEXT RACE MEETING

Engagements of the Fanling Hunt during December are as follow:—

Sunday, 2nd, opening meet at Hunters' Arms, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, 5th, meet at Sheung Shui Police station, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, 9th, meet at Lok Ma Chau cross roads, 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 12th, meet at Kennels, 2.30 p.m.

Saturday, 15th, meet at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, 16th, Paper Hunt Dec. Cup, Jardine's Bungalow, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, 19th, meet at Mr. Potts's bungalow, 2.30 p.m.

Saturday, 22nd, Steeplechase Race Meeting, Kwanti.

Sunday, 23rd, meet at Kennels, 8 a.m.

Wednesday 26th, Boxing Day Point-to-Point, meet at Mr. Potts's bungalow, 11 a.m.

Sunday, 30th, meet at Sheung Shui, 10 a.m.

[Should any alterations be made in the above fixtures, notices will be posted in the Hong Kong Club and at Volunteer Headquarters.

Officers of H.M.'s Forces and visitors who will only be in the Colony for part of the season may, if they so wish, pay a monthly subscription of $5. Payment of this subscription will entitle them to the privileges accorded an ordinary subscriber, including admission to the subscribers' enclosure at Kwanti race course and the use of the Hunters' Arms.]

GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

9.24	a.m.	L. Garner, G. E. Towns.
9.28	„	Comdr. Fowle, Major Hull.
9.32	„	T. L. Christie, D. J. Gilmore.
9.36	„	N. L. Smith I. W. Shewan.
9.40	„	D. M. Goodall, W. A. Weight.
9.44	„	R. K. Hepburn, W. U. Ireland.
9.48	„	H. Spicer, C. B. Riggs.
9.52	„	E. P. Fletcher, S. M. Monroe.
9.55	„	S. Berg, E. S. Abraham.
10.00	„	S. J. H. Fox, F. H. F. Swayne.
10.04	„	W. J. S. Key, C. J. Waddell.
10.08	„	B. J. Lacon, E. Kern.
10.12	„	W. J. Roberts, S. H. Clark.
10.16	„	J. M. Walker, A. T. Lay.
10.20	„	A. R. Cox, A. Webster.
10.24	„	G. E. Ellams, J. Coulthart.
10.28	„	N.S. Ellis, J. Gardiner.
10.32	„	F. A. Merry, Major Beamish.
10.36	„	J. E. Dovey, W. K. Dunscombe.
10.40	„	A. B. Stewart, P. Tod.
10.44	„	A. B. Purves E. Des Voeux.
10.48	„	T. G. Bennett, H. G. Sheldon.
10.52	„	C. Thwaites, H. A. Mills.
10.56	„	A. E. Lissaman, C. E. Holmes.
11.00	„	S. S. Perry, A. C. Coppin.
11.04	„	A. Leach, S. T. Butlin.
11.08	„	J. S. Dykes, W. C. Clark.
11.12	„	J. N. Norrie, W. K. Tait.
11.16	„	F. C. Todd, W. Kent.
11.20	„	H. D. Browne, R. E. H. Oliver.
11.24	„	L. Yates, G. Yates.
11.28	„	W. J. Clerk, E. D. Black.
11.32	„	W. Beveridge, M. G. Mills.
11.36	„	Major Norrison, G. W. Sellars.
11.40	„	R. L. Stewart, E. P. Streatfield.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	2/– ⅛
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Credits, 4 months' sight	2/1 ¼
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/1 ⅜
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Berlin	20.35
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.505
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	192¾
Madrid	30.085
Lisbon	108⅝
Athens	375
Bucharest	807
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 15/32
Bombay	1/6 1/32
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Hong Kong	2/0 ¼
Yokohama	1/10 23/32
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According to Chinese newspapers, Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government, has recommended Mr. Chen Chi-tsai for the post of Superintendent of the Shanghai Maritime Customs. The recommendation is reported to have been passed at a meeting of Nationalist officials on Tuesday. The present Superintendent, it is stated, will be appointed to another office.

Mr. W. L. Sargant—brother of Sir Charles Sargant, until recently a Lord of Appeal—is resigning the headmastership of Oakham School, Rutland, at the end of next summer term after 26 years' service.

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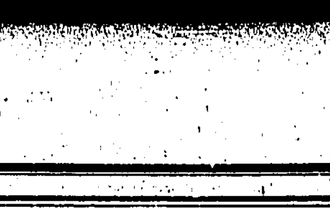

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Atlantic Flier as Editor

Miss Amelia Earhardt, the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, has made her debut as the aviation editor of a Hearst magazine.

Miss Megan

Miss Megan Lloyd George, who has entered politics and is following in the footsteps of her famous father, the leader of the Liberals.

Titled Lady Journalist

Lady Drummond Hay, the journalist, typing her experiences as a passenger on the Graf Zeppelin." She saw some of the fighting near Shanghai last year in company with a "China Mail" man.

"Eugenic" Baby

Kate Pullman (left), a vaudeville artiste, as she appeared in an act with Roscoe Ails, and below, as she appeared after proclaiming herself the proud parent of a eugenic-baby.

Italian Princess

Princess Maria of Savoy, youngest daughter of the King and Queen of Italy. She was born during the War—December, 1914, and has been brought up by an English nurse.

Hallowe'en Witch

She stirred the cauldron in her very best Hallowe'en style, did pretty Gwen Lee of the movies, but she wasn't quite sinister enough to frighten anybody.

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"Cop" Makes Violins

This policeman of Stockholm, Sweden, C. H. Friberg, spends his spare time making violins. Among his customers are Jan Kubelik and Mischa Weisbord, the noted concert artistes.

Charming Model

Posed by Josephine Dunn—black satin forms the plain fitting bodice which extends in a "princesse" line to the hips of this pretty frock. The low V-neckline is enhanced by a collar of lace in ecru. From the elbow the sleeve is of lace, the flounce of the skirt falling in graceful lines that match. Beige pumps and hose are in harmony.

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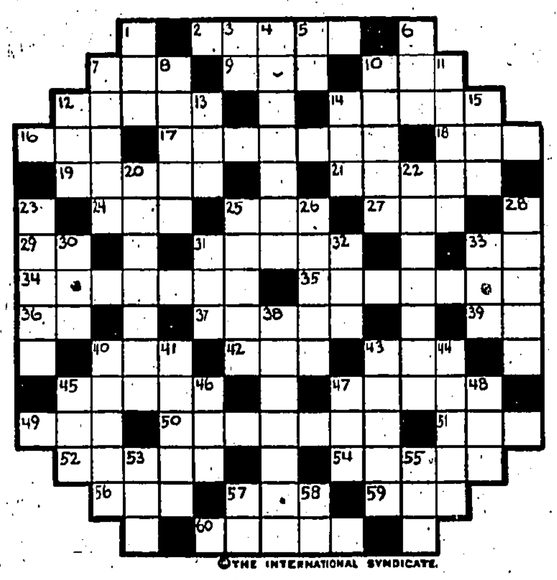
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1–Dull
7–Animal skin
9–Shoe cleanser
10–Damage
12–Rank
14–Adjusts
16–Pair
17–Placed
18–Blend
19–Treatise
21–Opposite of zenith
24–Excise
26–Swamp
27–Perch
29–Article
31–Increases
33–Exclamation
34–Member of a 12th century religious and military order
35–Warnings
36–Always
37–First appearance
39–Pronoun
40–Shut in
42–Signal of distress
43–Small wooden pin
45–A French landscape painter

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

47–North African region
49–Pronoun
50–Russian tea-urn
51–Unruly crowd
52–Seize
54–Hesitate
56–Meanly insidious
57–To grow old
59–Decay
60–Pale

VERTICAL

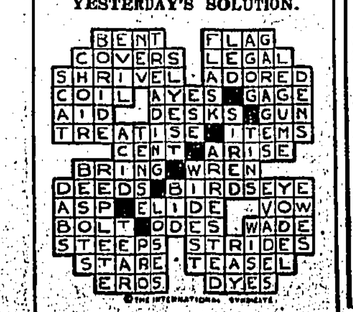
1–Gemmule
3–Latin abbreviation "in the year of the world"
4–Something apparently incredible, yet true
5–Pronoun
6–Vague
7–Enterprise ending in failure
8–Make languid
10–King with the golden touch
11–Forgive
12–To be indebted
13–Boy's name
14–Marsh land

VERTICAL (Cont.)

15–British title
20–Piece of ornamental needlework
22–Separated
23–Devil
25–Divests of covering
26–Class made up of two or more species
28–A flower (pl.)
30–French military character
31–Small compact mass
32–Habitual drunkard
33–Form laboriously
38–Corporate town
40–Period of time (pl.)
41–Abounding in bog plants
43–More untainted
44–Entire range
45–Whistle
46–Born into
47–Dark-colored
48–Likewise not
53–Wholly
55–Place where hay is stored
57–Roman weight
58–Early English (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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WOMAN DIRECTOR

DOROTHY ARZNER GIVES ADVICE

There will be more women directors in motion pictures when more women build their careers in that direction.

This is the opinion of Dorothy Arzner, one of the few women who have ever directed, and the only one directing feature length productions to-day.

There are various reasons why women are not directors, she says.

"Women don't want to be directors. They would rather do something else, such as write or act. I always wanted to be a director and just worked along those lines. It never entered my head that I wouldn't be.

"Women, too, lack the technical background for 'they have been in bondage too long.'"

There are qualities usually ascribed to women, however, that will make them successful directors, she believes.

"There's something of the woman in all the best men directors. Woman is primarily creative and the men who succeed best are those with the characteristics of creativeness so often associated with women, although that doesn't mean they are lacking in masculinity."

Miss Arzner is just completing her fourth picture, all made at the Paramount Studios in Hollywood. It is "Manhattan Cocktail," with a cast headed by Nancy Carroll, Richard Arlen and Paul Lukas and dominated by male principals. It deals with stage life in New York and goes into the details of the production of a big musical show.

She has never experienced difficulty in working with men and in giving orders to the army of technical experts required on every scene. "I never consider myself as a woman in connection with the work," she explains.

"The ideal combination in directing," she says, "would be a man and a woman working together—if it were possible for two who had the necessary ability to work in harmony."

Miss Dorothy Arzner is a quiet, feminine woman, about five feet four, with jet black bobbed hair, cool gray eyes, and a low voice of good carrying qualities. That she has moments of irritation at delays and other annoyances there can be little doubt, but her impatience is never permitted to show in her manner and she never raises her voice.

She is a native of San Francisco. During the war she drove an ambulance in Los Angeles and New York. Her first studio work was as a typist, then as a script clerk with James Cruze. Following a successful period of time spent in the cutting and editing rooms, she was granted her request to be given a chance to direct.

Her first picture was Esther Ralston's "Fashions for Women," and her second, "Ten Modern Commandments," with the same star. Her third film was Clara Bow's "Get Your Man."

Miss Arzner also has done some writing, including original stories, adaptations and continuities.

Birthday Party

Molly O'Day, who gave a birthday party with another film star, Sally O'Neill.

EDDIE CLAYTON

SIGNED BY PARAMOUNT—CHRISTIE

That fine looking young juvenile, Eddie Clayton, who is seen as the German Ace who fights a cloud battle with Gary Cooper in "Lilac Time," has been engaged by Al Christie for the new series of pictures the "Confessions of a Chorus Girl" for Paramount.

Clayton is now playing along with Frances Lee and Billy Engle in his first one of these stories which will be called "Picture My Astonishment." It is one of the Jean Arlette stories being directed by William Holland, Christie's new young director. Frances Lee, who heads the cast of this series is one of the young comedy stars and with the addition of Clayton, it indicates that promising youth is to be prominently displayed in this series.

The new juvenile in the Christie Series has had his workouts before in pictures because he appeared in some thirty of those "Sweet Sixteen" pictures with Arthur Lake, and has also recently been staging dances for Pictures, and played in two feature comedies with Fox. Dancing, backstage life and wild adventures will characterise the new Chorus girl series which Christie is filming, so Clayton should fit into his new spot like the proverbial glove.

Screen Comedian

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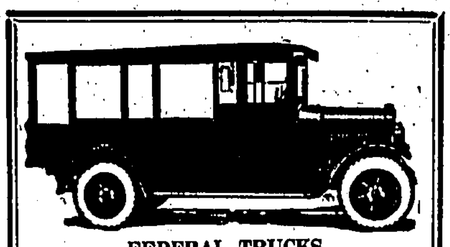

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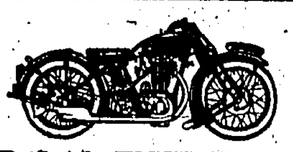

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.	
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30.		
Amoy and Japan	Talamba	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, *Egypt & *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th Dec. K.P.O. Registration (Nov. 30) 4.30 p.m. Letters (Dec. 1) 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration (Dec. 1) 8.45 a.m. Letters (Dec. 1) 9.30 a.m.	Kitano Maru	
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*Straits, Mombasa, L. Marques and South Africa	Canada Maru	9 a.m.
Formosa	Sanuki Maru	10 a.m.
Amoy	Chenan	10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Chenonceaux	1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	1.30 p.m.
Manila	President Harrison	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2.		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kweiyang	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Dalny	Luchow	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan	9 a.m.
Haiphong	Caravellas	9 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.		
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.

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FIREARMS USED

Lucknow, Yesterday.

The police had to use firearms to disperse an unlicensed procession and demonstrators in connection with the arrival of the Simon Commission.

Several were injured, including Jawa Harlal, Secretary of the National Congress, Pundit Motilal Nehrus' son, and Govind Ballahgpant, the Swarajist leader of the United Provinces' Legislative Council.—Reuter.

CANCER DISEASE

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL RADIUM ANNEXE

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT

London, Yesterday.

Two important conclusions in regard to the causation of cancer are contained in the annual report of the Imperial Cancer Research fund. They are:—firstly, there is no reliable evidence—experimental, statistical or clinical—which would indicate causal correlation between cancer and the absence or presence or excess of any particular dietetic constituent.

Secondly, the work carried out in the Laboratories of the fund disproves the evidence adduced by a German scientist to demonstrate the infectiveness of cancer.

Important Treatment

Westminster Hospital, where pioneer work in radium treatment has been conducted and where £20,000 worth of radium has been purchased by voluntary subscription, is opening a special radium annexe. It has often been contended that the middlie classes experience difficulty in obtaining the treatment which the poor received gratis and for which the wealthy could afford to pay.

They will be treated at this new institution, where there will be modern physicists and laboratories so that emanations can be obtained for the treatment of deep-seated cancer. Very little so far has been done in this direction and it is intended to develop the work which has been so successful at the Westminster Hospital.—British Wireless Service.

NOT THE SAME

BELGIUM'S NEW TREATY WITH CHINA

GIVES UP EXTRALITY

Peking, Yesterday.

The text of the new Sino-Belgian Treaty has been published.

It differs materially from other new China treaties, Belgium agreeing to the abolition of extrality.

The text of the Sino-Italian Treaty will be published to-morrow.—Reuter.

Further Details

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The new Sino-Belgian Treaty recognises the complete tariff autonomy of China, but with the most-favoured-nation proviso, and it abolishes Belgium's extrality as from Jan. 1, 1930.

Annexes to the Treaty declare that China will promulgate the civil and commercial codes of China before Jan. 1, 1930, and that from the date of abolition of extrality Belgian subjects shall be allowed to live, trade and acquire property in any part of China.—Reuter.

LEAGUE COUNCIL

A CHANGE OF LOCATION

Geneva, Yesterday.

Out of consideration for Dr. Stresemann, who for health reasons is unable to go to Geneva, the secretariat of the League is arranging the next session of the Council at Lugano.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann have already agreed to this and replies from the other members of the Council are awaited.—Reuter.

"NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY"

SEA POWER

WHAT "OFFICIAL WASHINGTON" THINKS OF MR. BRITTEN

A RECENT SUGGESTION

Washington, Yesterday.

Well-informed circles do not expect that Mr. Baldwin will reply to Mr. Britten's proposal, as official Washington does not take Mr. Britten's action seriously.

It is unofficially stated that not only will the American Government almost certainly ignore Mr. Britten's unusual procedure, but he may also be asked to explain the correctness of his procedure as a Member of Congress in taking up international matters direct with the head of the British Government instead of utilising the usual diplomatic channels.

His action is generally criticised as unwise and unnecessary.—Reuter's American Service.

The following telegram from Washington, dated Nov. 28, explains the above message:

Mr. Britten, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, has cabled to Mr. Baldwin, suggesting a joint meeting of committee composed of British Members of Parliament and the U. S. Naval Affairs Committee to be held in Canada after March to discuss the subject of equality of sea-power between Britain and the United States in all classes of warships unaffected by the Washington Arms Conference and report direct to their respective Governments after the conference.

STILL FINE

N. E. winds, moderate, fine to cloudy, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anti-cyclone has strengthened. It is central to the north of Korea.

Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and light winds with fine weather over the western portion of the China Sea.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9.00 a.m. to-day:—

(1) Manila 12.15 p.m. 29th: Cyclone or Typhoon W. of the Bonin Islands moving N.N.E. or N.E.

(2) Manila 12.15 p.m. 29th: Cyclone or Typhoon E. of Luzon less than 300 miles distant moving E.

CONSUL'S MURDER

ASSAILANT CONVICTED IN PARIS

LIGHT SENTENCE

Paris, Yesterday.

The anti-Fascist Dimodgnu, who shot dead the Italian Vice-Consul Nardini in September last year, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined two hundred francs. The jury found that the accused fired but did not intend to kill.—Reuter.

[The assailant of Count Nardini called at the Italian Consulate in Paris on September 12, 1927, in connection with a passport. The Vice-Consul was unable to issue this because the applicant lacked the necessary documents. Dimodgnu then drew a revolver and fired three shots at his victim.

The assassin was departing when he was seized by a policeman on permanent duty in the Consulate, but he bit the policeman and fired twice in the air, and was escaping when Consulate employees appeared and overpowered him. He was then taken to the police station.]

The organ suddenly stopped during a service recently in the chapel of the Nottingham Poor Law Institution, and it was found that the organ blower, John Boardman, aged 65, an inmate of the institution, had collapsed and died.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

BETWEEN BRITAIN AND INDIA

AIR SERVICE

AGREEMENT AS TO BASES IN PERSIA

IMPORTANT STEP

London, Yesterday.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, announced that an agreement had been reached between the Persian Government and Imperial Airways, Limited, regarding the establishment of bases in Persia for an air service between Great Britain and India and that relevant documents would probably be signed this week—British Wireless Service.

THE WAILING WALL

INFRINGEMENT OF STATUS QUO?

ANOTHER STATEMENT

London, Yesterday.

Mr. L. M. S. Amery, the Dominions' Secretary, stated in the House of Commons that he was not satisfied that the new stone construction on top of the Wailing Wall at Jerusalem was a violation of the status quo. According to latest reports it would appear that the small wall constructed above the building that surmounts a portion of the Wailing Wall was an integral part of the structure begun many months ago. It was never suggested when the work started that it would involve any infringement of the status quo.—British Wireless Service.

FOR DISTEMPER

PREVENTIVE VACCINE DISCOVERED

THE "FIELD" FUND

London, Yesterday.

A vaccine has been discovered which, it is claimed, will prevent distemper in dogs. It is the result of five years' research work by Dr. Laidlaw and Mr. Duncin at the laboratories of the Medical Research Council. A fund for this research work was raised by the weekly journal "The Field."

Experiments were carried out on thirteen hundred dogs and hounds, including some famous hunting packs, and show, it is stated, that the animals can be completely immunised.—British Wireless Service.

WAR BONDS

TREASURY CONVERSION OFFER

£200,000,000 INVOLVED

London, Yesterday.

Nearly £200,000,000 of maturing obligations is involved in a Treasury conversion offer affecting the 5 per cent. and 4 per cent. War Bonds and the 4½ per cent. Treasury Bonds, all maturing in February, 1929. The offer provides for an unlimited cash issue of 4½ per cent. Treasury Bonds at 99 to be repaid between 1932 and 1934.—Reuter.

WANTED

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AT CENTRAL COURT

KIDNAPPED BOYS

The startling story of how one of the two sons of a wealthy money-changer of Canton, who was kidnapped by his own servant, was later released at the headquarters of the "village scouts," was related by a witness at the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

The Canton authorities have applied for the man's extradition of the alleged fugitive.

Questioned by the Court, witness said that he first saw the fugitive, who was a former cook of the money-changer, at Machai village where the two boys were imprisoned. After a ransom of $9,000 had been paid, one of the boys was released.

Witness again saw the fugitive at the Central Police Station, when the latter, addressing him by name, asked him what he was doing there.

The hearing was again adjourned.

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